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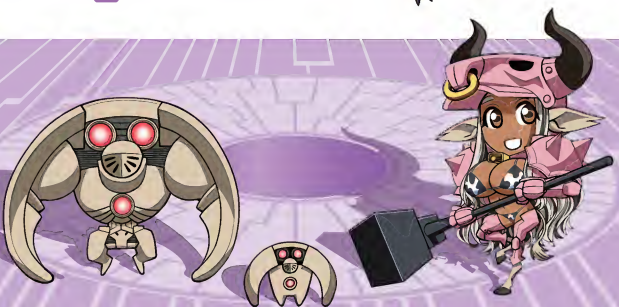
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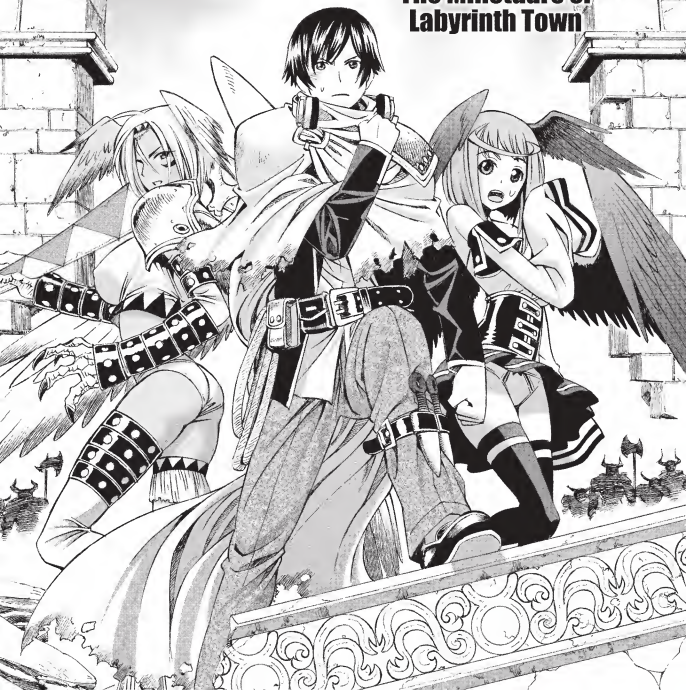
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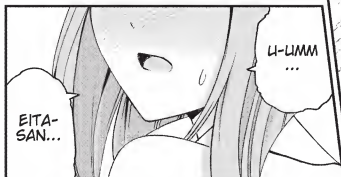
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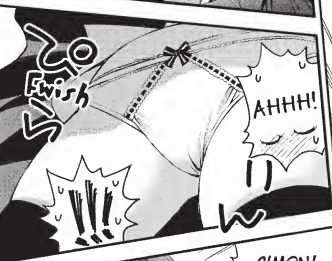
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Chapter 5:
The Minotaurs of
Labyrinth Town



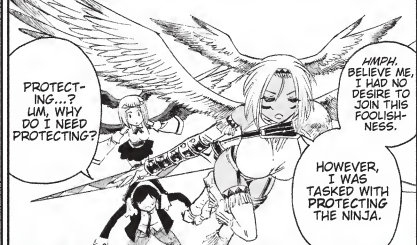








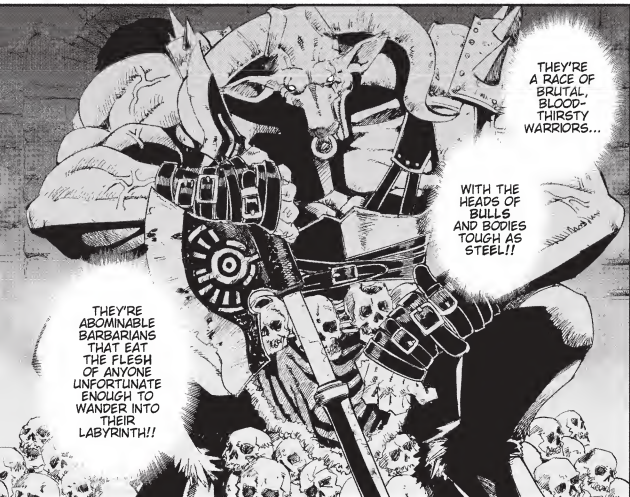
DO YOU
KNOW NO-
THING OF THE
MINOTAURS
THAT DWELL
IN THE
LABYRINTH?!



PROTECT-
ING...?
UM, WHY
DO I NEED
PROTECTING?

HMPH.
BELIEVE ME,
I HAD NO
DESIRE TO
JOIN THIS
FOOLISH-
NESS.

HOWEVER,
I WAS
TASKED WITH
PROTECTING
THE NINJA.



THEY'RE
A RACE OF
BRUTAL,
BLOOD-
THIRSTY
WARRIORS...

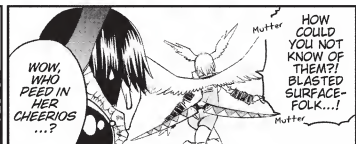
WITH THE
HEADS OF
BULLS
AND BODIES
TOUGH AS
STEEL!!

THEY'RE
ABOMINABLE
BARBARIANS
THAT EAT
THE FLESH
OF ANYONE
UNFORTUNATE
ENOUGH TO
WANDER INTO
THEIR
LABYRINTH!!



THANKS
FOR
COMING
WITH US.

LOOK,
WHAT
I MEANT
WAS....



WOW,
WHO
PEED IN
HER
CHEERIOS
...?

Mutter
HOW
COULD
YOU NOT
KNOW OF
THEM?!
BLASTED
SURFACE-
FOLK...!
Mutter



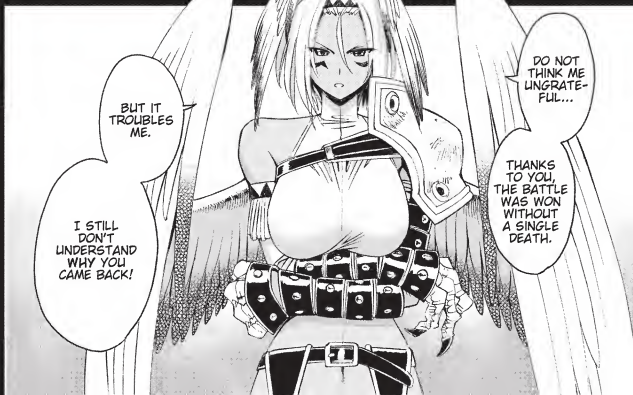
WHY?

DOESN'T
MATTER
WHY.



YOU'D
MADE A
CLEAN
ESCAPE.

WHY,
INDEED.
WHY
DID YOU
RETURN
TO THE
BATTLE?



BUT IT
TROUBLES
ME.

I STILL
DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHY YOU
CAME BACK!

DO NOT
THINK ME
UNGRATE-
FUL...

THANKS
TO YOU,
THE BATTLE
WAS WON
WITHOUT
A SINGLE
DEATH.



BUT I HAD
NO CONTROL.
IT'S LIKE I
WAS STUCK
IN A CUT-
SCENE.

WISH I
COULD
TELL
YA...



DO YOU
SIMPLY LET
YOUR BODY
RULE YOU
IN TIMES
OF PERIL?!

YOU CAN'T
HAVE "NO
CONTROL"
OVER
RISKING
YOUR OWN
LIFE!

BAM

THAT'S
NO
ANSWER
!!



CAN YOU
TRULY STARE
DOWN DEATH
WHEN YOU
HAVE "NO
CONTROL"?!

YES, YOU
DID TRIUMPH
THIS TIME
BUT WHAT
ABOUT
THE NEXT
BATTLE?!

CAN YOU
STAND
FIRM AND
FIGHT?!



THAT
IS THE
WARRIOR'S
PATH IN
THE RE-
VERSE!!

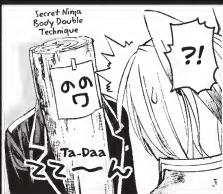
A WARRIOR
IS BOUND
BY DUTY
AND FRIEND-
SHIP!

YOU LIVE
AND DIE
BY THOSE
SACRED
BONDS!



HEY,
THAT
WAS A
GREAT
SPEECH...

TMP



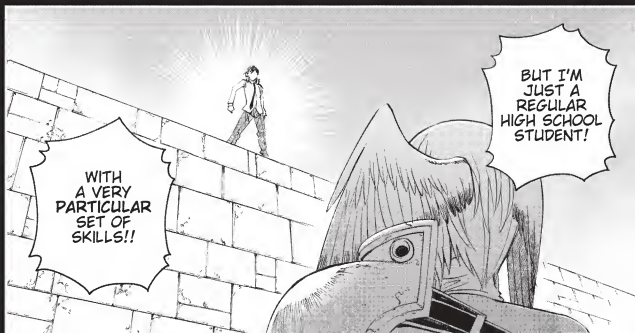
Secret Ninja
Body Double
Technique

?!

Ta-Daa



WELL,
HAVE YOU
"LOST
CONTROL"
OF YOUR
TONGUE
...?!



WITH
A VERY
PARTICULAR
SET OF
SKILLS!!

BUT I'M
JUST A
REGULAR
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT!



I FOLLOW
THE PATH
OF MY OWN
WORLD!! SO
STICK IT IN
YOUR TAIL
FEATHERS,
OKAY?!

I DON'T
GIVE A
CRAP
ABOUT
THE
WARRIOR'S
PATH!!



HEY,
LOOK!
WE MADE
IT!!



AND
HOW IS IT
GIVING
HIM SUCH
STRENGTH?!

IT MAKES
NO SENSE!!

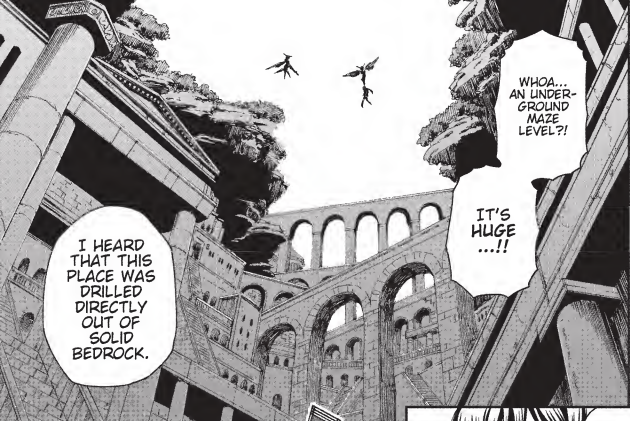
HE'S GOT
NO SHRED
OF THE
WARRIOR'S
SPIRIT, AND
NO MANLY
PRIDE...

WHAT
STRANGE
SURFACE-
WORLD
PATH IS HE
FOLLOWING?!



THIS
IS THE
PLACE.

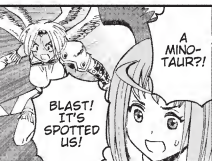
LABY-
RINTH
TOWN!



I HEARD
THAT THIS
PLACE WAS
DRILLED
DIRECTLY
OUT OF
SOLID
BEDROCK.

WHOA...
AN UNDER-
GROUND
MAZE
LEVEL?!

IT'S
HUGE
...!!



A
MINO-
TAUR?!

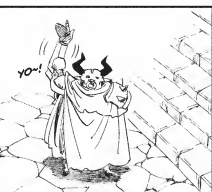
BLAST!
IT'S
SPOTTED
US!



CLENCH

WE MUST
SLAY
THE BRUTE
BEFORE IT
BRINGS
OTHERS!

?!



YO~!

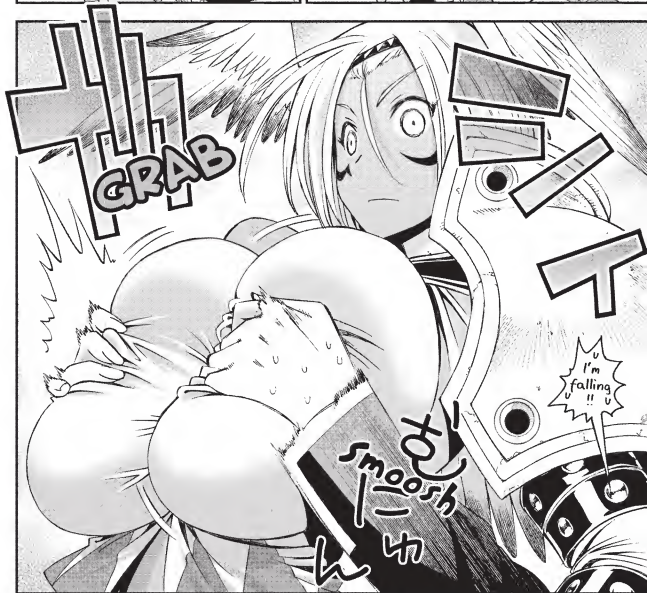


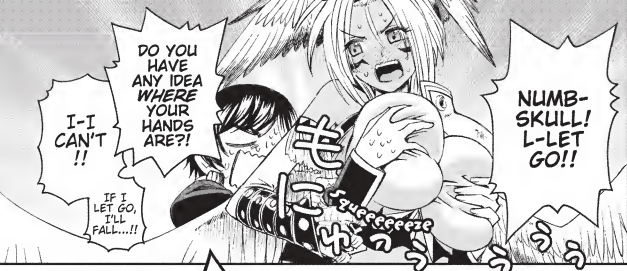
HM?
IS
THAT...



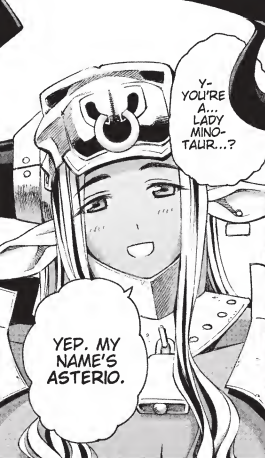
!!

CLOMP









Y-
YOU'RE
A...
LADY
MINO-
TAUR...?

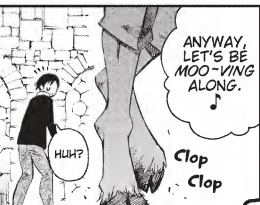
YEP. MY
NAME'S
ASTERIO.



AH HA
HA HA!
WHERE'D
YOU HEAR
THAT LOAD
OF BULL-
HOCKY?

B-BUT I
THOUGHT THE
MINOTAURS
WERE A RACE
OF BRUTAL
SAVAGES...?

Staaare



ANYWAY,
LET'S BE
MOO-VING
ALONG. ♪

HUH?

Clop
Clop



C'MON,
EITA. ♪



HOPE
YOU'RE A
BIT MOO-RE
STEADY ON
YOUR FEET
NOW. ♪

HOLY
COW,
SHE'S
BUILT
LIKE A
DREAM
...!!





WEL-
COME...

TO THE
MINOTAURS'
HOME,
LABYRINTH
TOWN!



WHA
...?!

WH-



Chapter 6:
Artifact from an
Ancient Civilization



DO YOU
HAVE ANY
IDEA WHERE
SHE MIGHT
BE?!

EXCUSE
ME!

WE'RE
LOOKING
FOR A VERY
TALENTED
BLACKSMITH
WHO'S SAID TO
LIVE HERE!



IF YOU
KEEP
WALKING
DOWN THIS
PATH A
LOOOONG
WAYS, YOU'LL
FIND THE
GENERAL
STORE.

OH,
LIKE THAT
STORE THAT
TOTALLY
SELLS
EVERYTHING?

JIGGLE



THAT
TOTALLY
REMINDS
ME OF
THAT NEW
COWBELL
THEY JUST
GOT IN-!

THEY'VE
GOT SOME
SUPER
SWEET
HORN
POLISH
THERE...

OMIGOSH,
AND THEIR
BRUSHES
AND
CLIPPERS...!

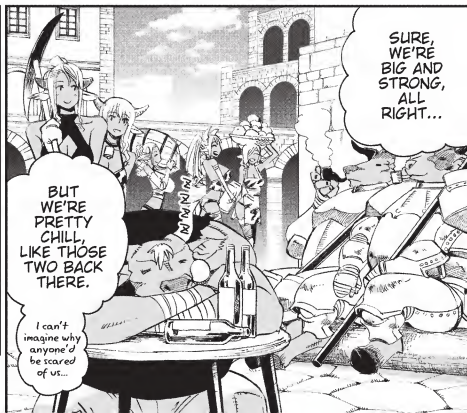
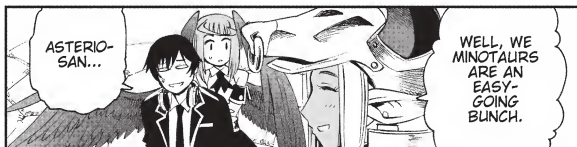


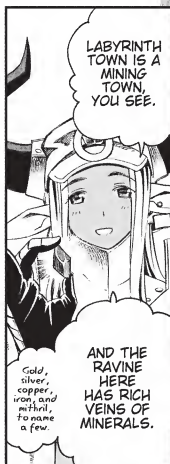
Squeeee

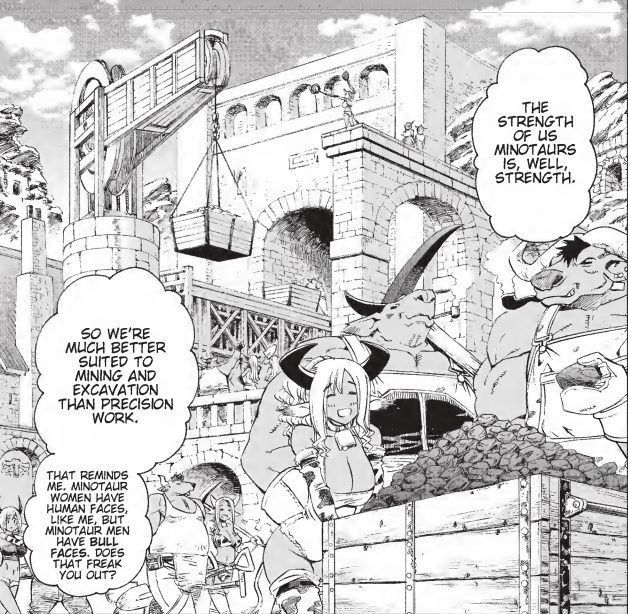
HMM
...

DO YOU,
LIKE, KNOW
ANY BLACK-
SMITHS,
HOLSTINA?

I
TOTALLY
DOOO,
JERSEY!









WE'RE
HERE.

!!
FLAP



I GET
THAT YOU'RE
MELLOW, BUT
AT THIS RATE,
WE'LL BE
HERE TILL
THE COWS
COME HOME!!

SHE'S
THAT FAR
BEHIND?!

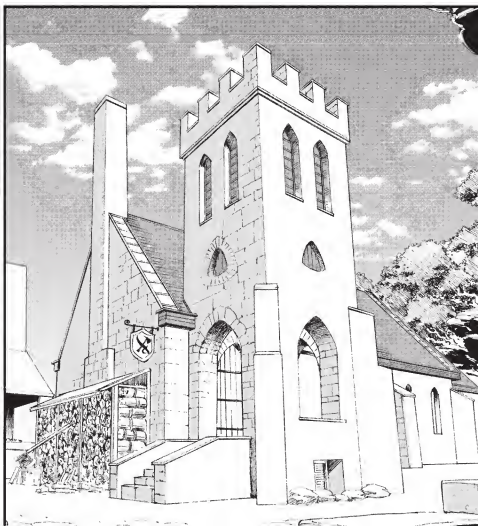
LEFT THE HERD.

NINJA,
AERO...



YOU
SURE
THIS
IS THE
PLACE?

POSITIVE.
THE EMAIL
KOUKI
SENT
SAYS SO.



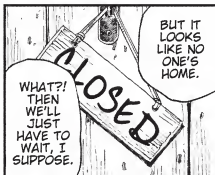


DUNNO
WHAT YOUR
BUSINESS
IS, BUT
I DOUBT
SHE'LL
WORK FOR
YOU.

WHY
NOT?!

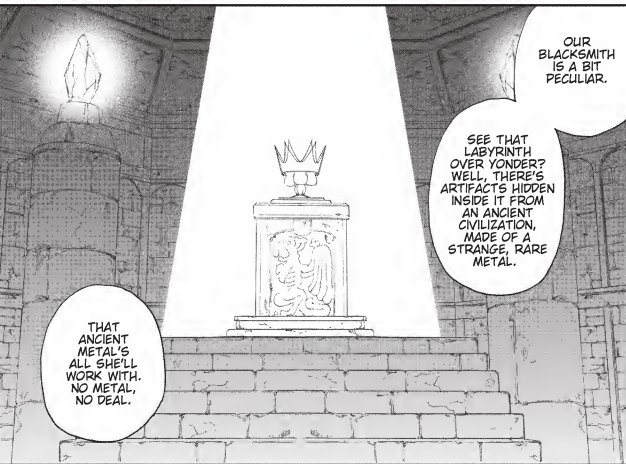


YOU
FOLKS
HERE TO
SEE THE
BLACK-
SMITH?



WHAT?!
THEN
WE'LL
JUST
HAVE TO
WAIT, I
SUPPOSE.

BUT IT
LOOKS
LIKE NO
ONE'S
HOME.



OUR
BLACKSMITH
IS A BIT
PECULIAR.

SEE THAT
LABYRINTH
OVER YONDER?
WELL, THERE'S
ARTIFACTS HIDDEN
INSIDE IT FROM
AN ANCIENT
CIVILIZATION,
MADE OF A
STRANGE, RARE
METAL.

THAT
ANCIENT
METAL'S
ALL SHE'LL
WORK WITH.
NO METAL,
NO DEAL.



NO WAY
ARE YOU
GETTING
ME INTO
THAT
LABYRINTH!!

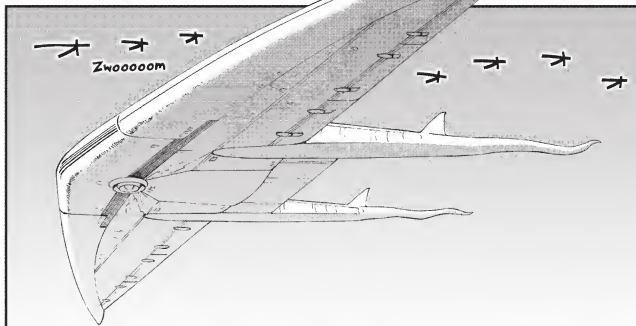


LET'S NOT
GO FLYING
OFF HALF-
COCKED,
OKAY?!



I SEE...
SO CLEARLY,
WE NEED
TO GET
THAT
TREASURE.

N-NOW
WAIT,
JAWEA-
SAN!





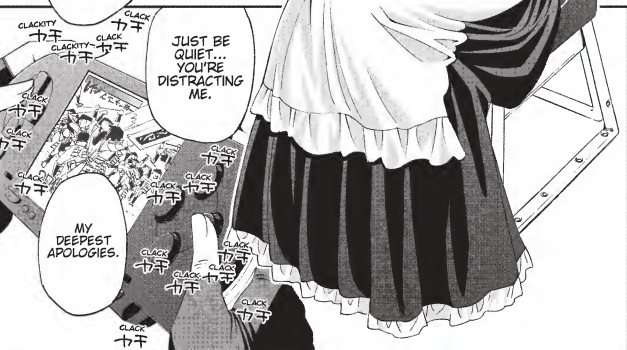
WE'RE
FLYING
SMOOTHLY,
NO
ANOMALIES
TO REPORT.

CURRENT
ALTITUDE
IS
10,000
METERS.



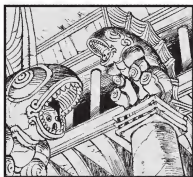
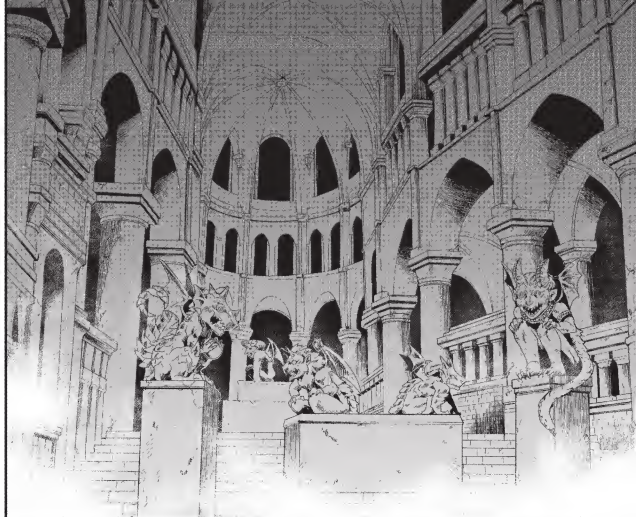
WOULD
YOU CARE
TO REVIEW
YOUR PLAN
ONE MORE
TIME,
MASTER?

CRAM
A SOCK
IN IT.



JUST BE
QUIET...
YOU'RE
DISTRACTING
ME.

MY
DEEPEST
APOLOGIES.







THAT
WAS
SCARY...



THEN
STOP
HITTING
ME!!

A WARRIOR
LIKE ME
CERTAINLY
WOULDN'T
BE AFRAID
OF THE
DARK....!!

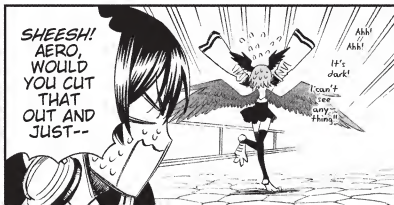


I MEAN
...!!
WELL,
YOU
SEE...

WE BIRD
PEOPLE
HAVE A
REALLY
HARD TIME
SEEING IN
THE DARK!!



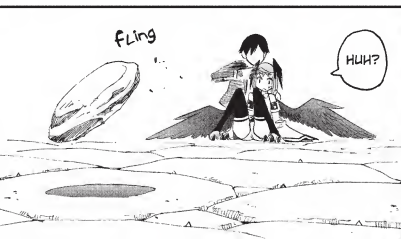
SHEESH!
AERO,
WOULD
YOU CUT
THAT
OUT AND JUST--



Ahh!
Ahh!

It's
dark!

I can't
see
any-
thing!

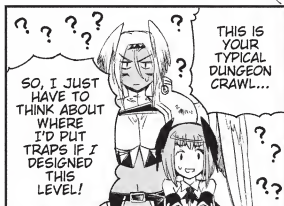




IT'S A TRAP?!

H-HOW DID YOU KNOW?!

DID YOU USE YOUR NINJA SENSES?!



SO, I JUST HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHERE I'D PUT TRAPS IF I DESIGNED THIS LEVEL!

THIS IS YOUR TYPICAL DUNGEON CRAWL...



WE'LL BE STUCK HERE AT THIS RATE.

Which path was it?

WITH ALL THIS HULLABALOO, I'VE GONE AND FORGOTTEN THE ROUTE WE TOOK TO GET HERE...



NAH...

GAMER'S INSTINCTS !!

YOU ARE HERE

START

IF THE
LAYOUT
STAYS
THIS
SIMPLE,
WE'LL
BE FINE!

U It
that
good?

R-
REALLY
...?

I think
U ...?

IT'S
OKAY!

I KEEP
A MENTAL
MAP OF
PRETTY MUCH
EVERY PATH
I GO DOWN!!

ダンジョンでは
無能
USELESS
IN DUNGEONS.

THAT
MEANS
I'M
JUST A
BURDEN
...!!

YOU'VE
GOT TO
STICK
CLOSE TO
THE LIGHT,
AND--

ANYWAY!
YOU TWO
CAN'T GET
AHEAD OF
ME FROM
HERE ON.

AND NO
FLYING,
EITHER!

W-
WAIT
A
MINUTE!

CLICK

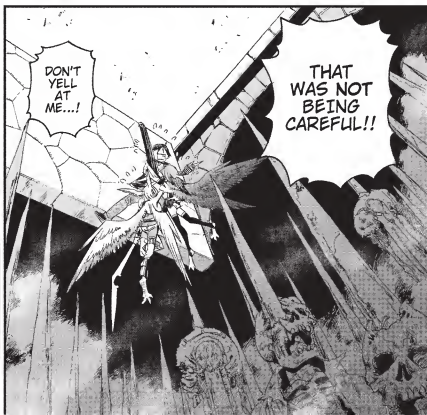
HUH?

EITA-SAN!
COULD
THIS BE
THAT
ANCIENT
METAL?

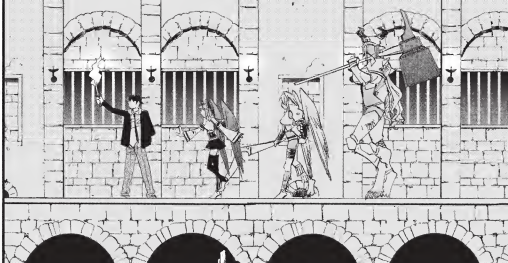
LOOK,
LET'S
ALL BE
CAREFUL
...

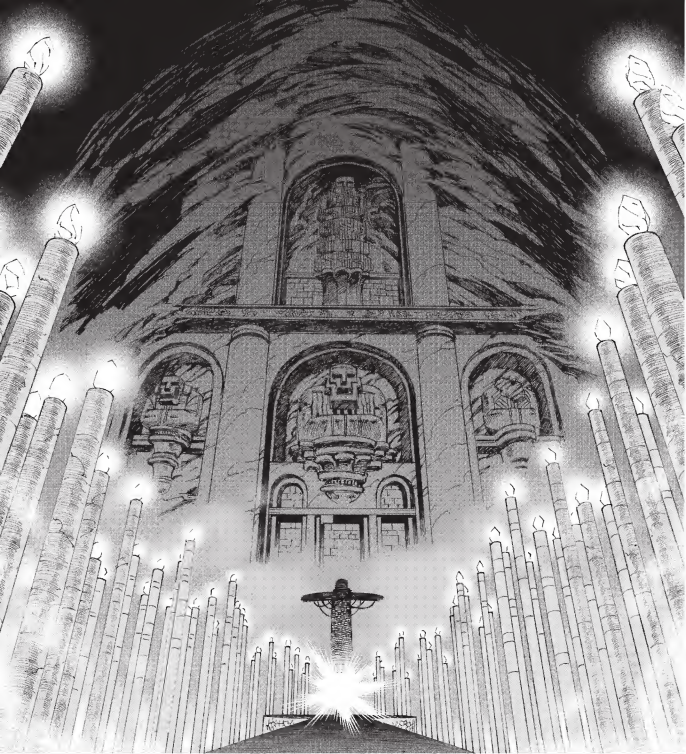
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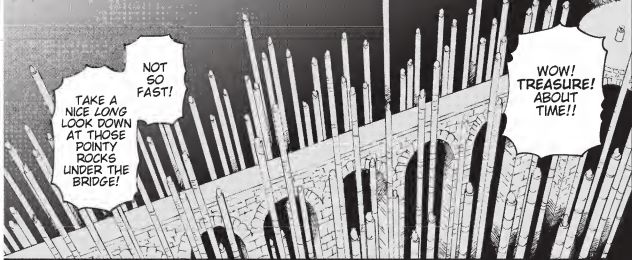
S
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TAKE A
NICE LONG
LOOK DOWN
AT THOSE
POINTY
ROCKS
UNDER THE
BRIDGE!

NOT
SO
FAST!

WOW!
TREASURE!
ABOUT
TIME!!



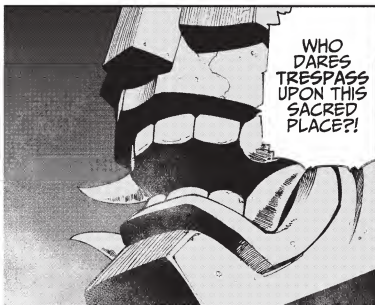
SO
SHINY...!

OOO...



ONE
FALSE
STEP
AND
YOU'RE
CHICKEN
SHISH-
KABOB.

WE'RE
REAL
CLOSE
NOW, SO I'M
BEGGING
YOU, PLEASE
FOR ONCE BE
CAREFUL.

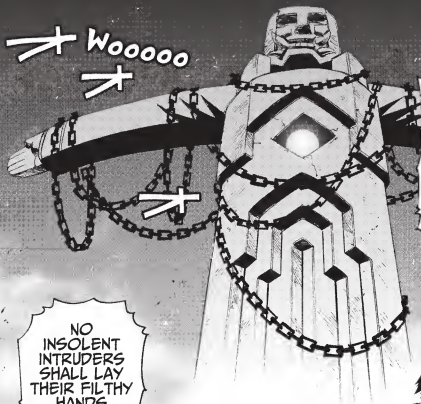


WHO
DARES
TRESPASS
UPON THIS
SACRED
PLACE?!



WHO
GOES
THERE?!

I'M
GONNA
BARBECUE
YOU
BOTH...!!



I AM THE
GUARDIAN
OF THIS
LABYRINTH...
AND OF THE
ENTIRETY OF
MY MASTER'S
FORTUNE THAT
LIES HIDDEN
WITHIN IT!

NO
INSOLENT
INTRUDERS
SHALL LAY
THEIR FILTHY
HANDS
UPON MY
TREASURE!

BEGONE
!!

It's
made
of
stone
...?!



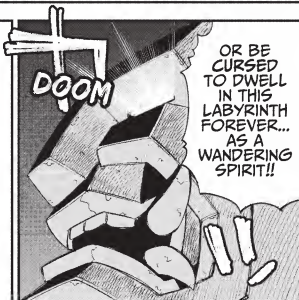
THIS
LABYRINTH
IS HUGE,
AFTER ALL,
I'M WILLING
TO BET
IT'LL DROP
A FEW MORE
GOODIES.

AW, CRAP--
A BOSS FIGHT?!
YOU'VE GOT
TO BE KIDDING
ME! THERE'S
NO WAY WE CAN
TAKE DOWN THIS
BADASS STATUE!!

SCREW THE
TREASURE.
IT'S NOT GOOD
TO US IF WE'RE
SMASHED FLAT!
WE'LL JUST
HAVE TO FIND
ANOTHER WAY.

DOOM

OR BE
CURSED
TO DWELL
IN THIS
LABYRINTH
FOREVER...
AS A
WANDERING
SPIRIT!!



NO
MORE
GAMES!!

KA-BOOM

SAVAGES...
YOU WOULD
CLAIM NOT
ONLY MY
TREASURE
BUT MY VERY
EXISTENCE?!

Was
one-hitting
this dude
too much
to ask?

YOU SHALL
REMAIN
WITH THE
TREASURE
YOU CRAVE
FOR ALL
ETERNITY!!

THWM

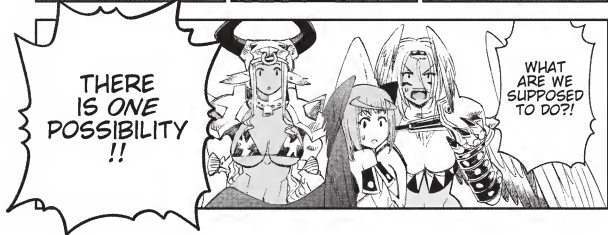
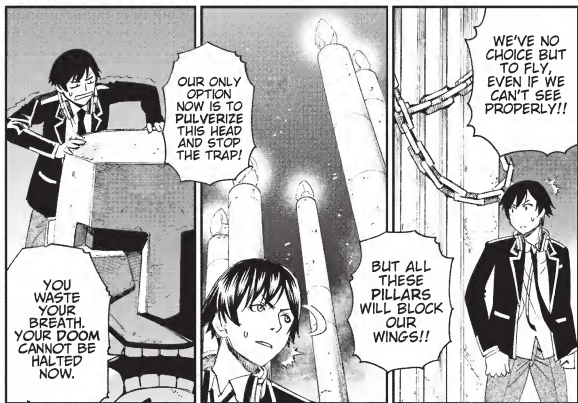
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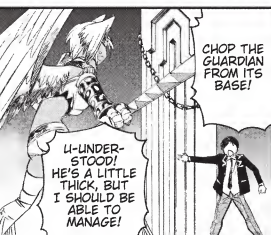
GRUUUMBLE





ALL RIGHT,
JAE-SAN!
I NEED
YOUR
HELP!!

DO YOU
TRULY THINK
SO?! THEN
WE'D BEST
HURRY AND
GET TO
WORK!!



CHOP THE
GUARDIAN
FROM ITS
BASE!

U-UNDER-
STOOD!
HE'S A LITTLE
THICK, BUT
I SHOULD BE
ABLE TO
MANAGE!



IF WE
CAN
REJIGGER
THE
GUARDIAN'S
BODY
INTO A
CATAPULT...

...AND
LAUNCH
OURSELVES
TOWARDS THE
ENTRANCE,
WE MIGHT
BE ABLE
TO GET OUT
OF THIS!!



BAD
ENOUGH
YOU WANT
ME TO DO
SO MUCH
CHOPPING,
NOW YOU
WANT ME TO
CONTROL
HOW THEY
FALL?!

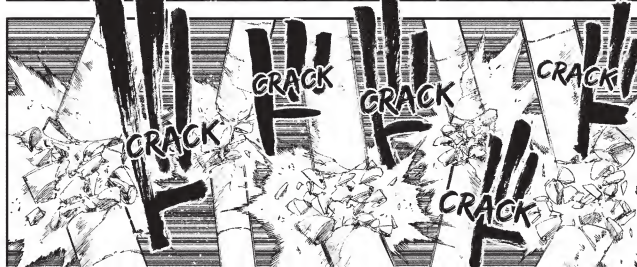
THERE'S
NO WAY
THAT
ANYONE
COULD--



YOU'VE
LOST YOUR
GODDAMN
MIND!!

NEXT, TAKE
DOWN ALL
THESE STONE
PILLARS SO
THAT THEY
FALL NEAR THE
GUARDIAN'S
ARMS--

Too Many
おは くら ぁ っ



THU-THU-THU-THUUUUUD



SO,
LIKE
THIS-?

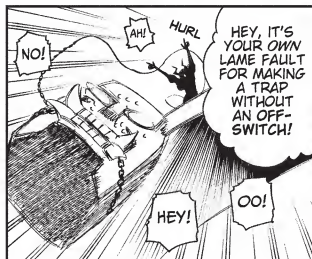
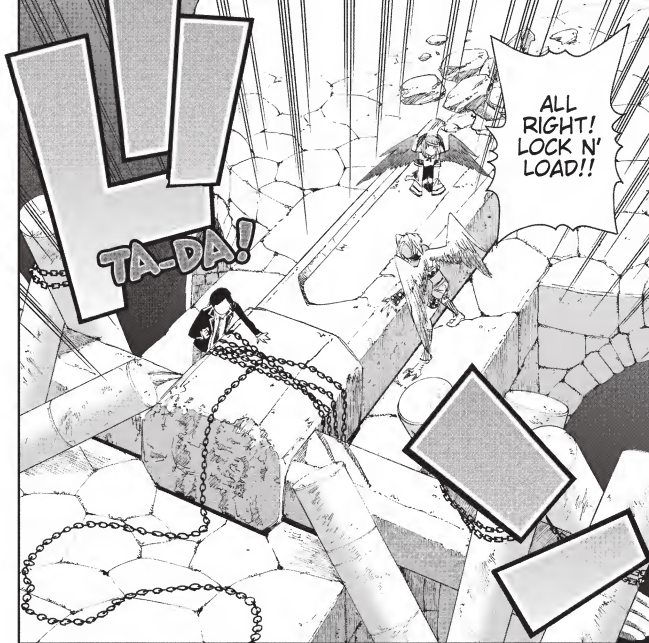


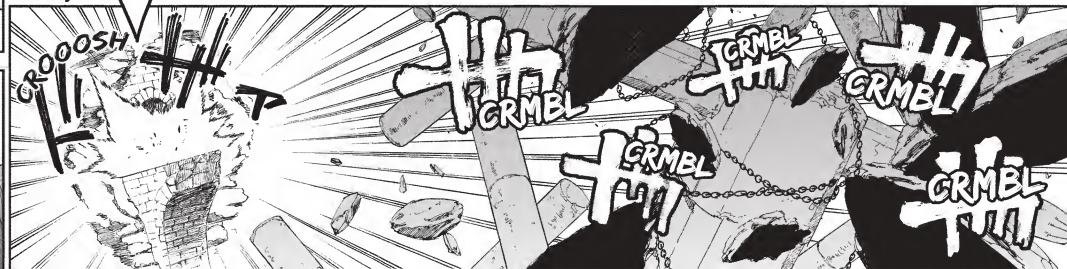
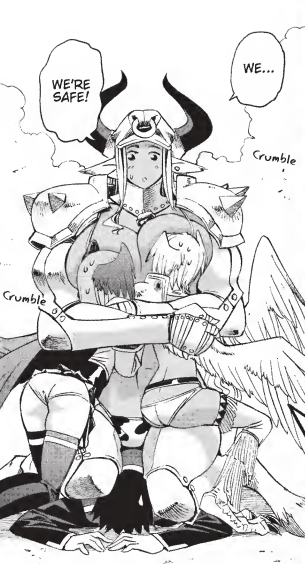
THAT
CAVE-IN'S
GETTING
REAL CLOSE!
HURRY!
HURRY!!

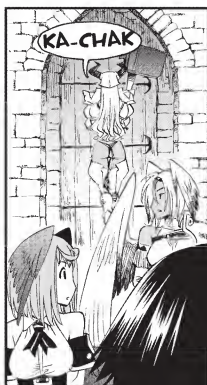
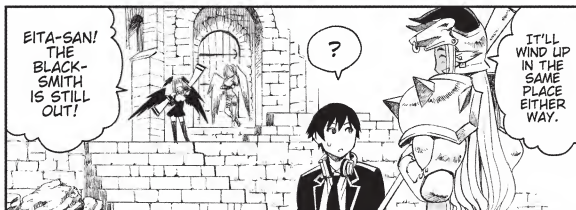
THEN,
TIE
YOUR
CHAINS
AROUND
HIS HEAD!

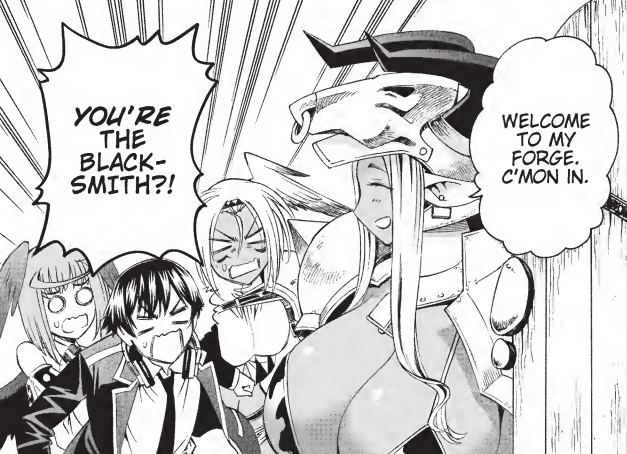
OKAY!!
SO, NEXT
WE GOTTA
WRAP
SOME
CHAIN
AROUND THE
GUARDIAN'S
BODY!











**YOU'RE
THE
BLACK-
SMITH?!**

**WELCOME
TO MY
FORGE.
C'MON IN.**



SO
THAT'S
WHAT YOU
MEANT BY
THE
TREASURE
ENDING UP
IN THE
SAME
PLACE...

WELL,
YOU
CERTAINLY
DIDN'T
TELL
ME!

HUH,
WEIRD. I
THOUGHT
I DID.

WHY
DIDN'T
YOU SAY
SO?!

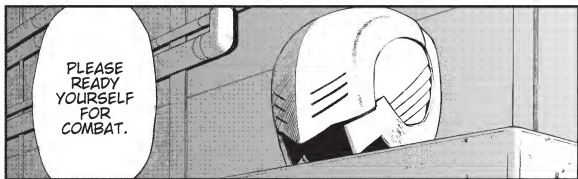


**I'VE GOT
SOMETHING
SPECIAL
TO SHOW
YOU, EITA.**

**NOW,
LET'S NOT
ALL STAND
AROUND
CHEWING
OUR CLDS.**



WE'LL BE
ARRIVING
AT OUR
DESTINATION
SHORTLY,
MASTER.



PLEASE
READY
YOURSELF
FOR
COMBAT.



INITIALIZING
GIGAS'
MAGIC
INFUSION.



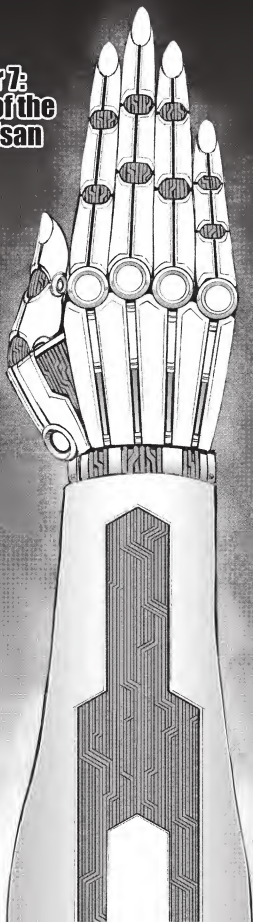
GLEAM

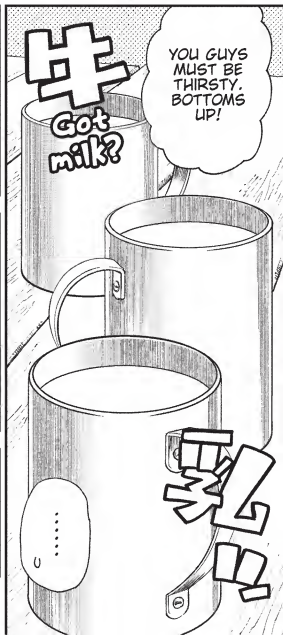
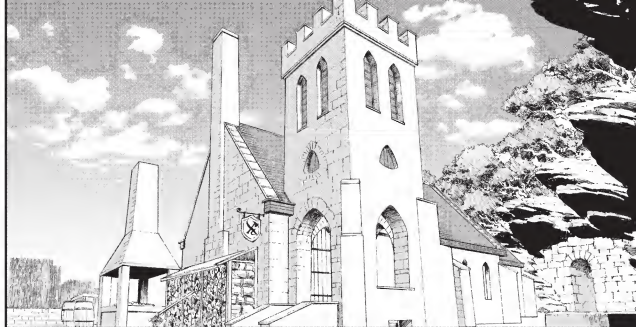
FEUDAL MASSACRE
Mission Complete

完全抹殺
TOTAL
ANNIHILATION
Soldiers: 3204 killed
Civilians: 1487 killed



**Chapter 7:
The Craft of the
Steel Artisan**



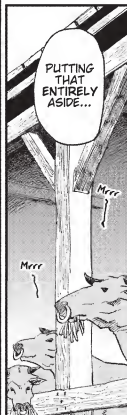




I CANNOT IMAGINE THAT WORD OF THE BATTLE FOR THE GREAT SETTLEMENT WOULD HAVE REACHED YOU HERE.

CAN YOU TELL US HOW YOU KNEW ABOUT EITA?

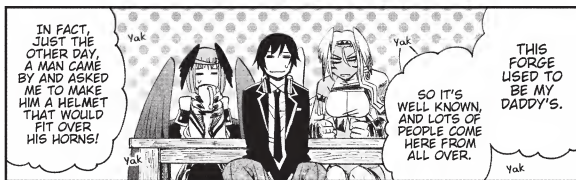
OH, THAT. WELL, HERE'S THE THING...



PUTTING THAT ENTIRELY ASIDE...

Merr

Merr



IN FACT, JUST THE OTHER DAY, A MAN CAME BY AND ASKED ME TO MAKE HIM A HELMET THAT WOULD FIT OVER HIS HORNS!

Yak

Yak

THIS FORGE USED TO BE MY DADDY'S.

SO IT'S WELL KNOWN, AND LOTS OF PEOPLE COME HERE FROM ALL OVER.

Yak

Yak



YOU SEE, I'M REALLY BAD AT REMEMBERING PEOPLE'S NAMES.

THROB

THROB

AAAAHA! RIGHT. SORRY, GOT A LITTLE SIDE-TRACKED.

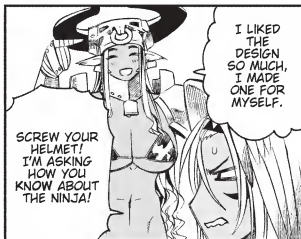
YOU WERE ASKING HOW I KNEW ABOUT THIS DUDE.

Yak

Yak

Yak

Yak



SCREW YOUR HELMET! I'M ASKING HOW YOU KNOW ABOUT THE NINJA!

I LIKED THE DESIGN SO MUCH, I MADE ONE FOR MYSELF.



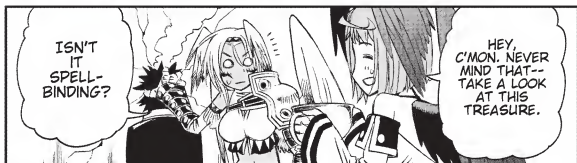
EASY THERE, JAE-SAN!

WE WON'T LAST LONG HERE IF YOU SNAP OVER A LITTLE RAMBLING!!

KRAAAW!!

JUST THE OTHER DAY, I GOT KOBE CONFUSED WITH ANGUS, AND HE--

ENOUGH, YOU LOWING IDIOT! EXPLAIN WHY YOU KNOW EITA!!



ISN'T IT SPELL-BINDING?

HEY, C'MON. NEVER MIND THAT-- TAKE A LOOK AT THIS TREASURE.



WE'RE ALL REAL INTO SHINY STUFF.

GOOD THING JAE-SAN LIKES TRINKETS SO MUCH, HUH?

Are you sure he's not a magnet?

PANG!!

YOU'RE RIGHT... THIS CHALICE HAS EXISTED SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL.

WHAT'S A FEW MINUTES OF FRUSTRATION TO IT...?

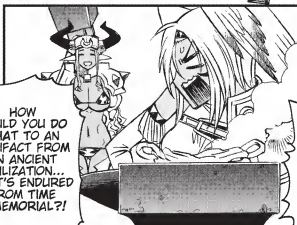


OH, THAT'S RIGHT. I NEVER EXPLAINED WHY I WAS OUT TREASURE-HUNTING.

LOOK, NOBODY WAS ASKING ABOUT--



HOW COULD YOU DO THAT TO AN ARTIFACT FROM AN ANCIENT CIVILIZATION... THAT'S ENDURED FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL?!



WH-WH-WH-WH-WH-WH-WH-WH...

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?!



What kind of freaky alloy is that?!

IT'S...
UN-
HARMED
?!

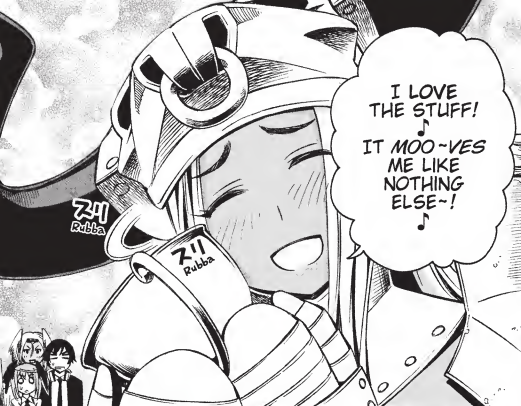


IT'S
RARE EVEN
HERE IN THE
LABYRINTH.
ONLY A
HANDFUL
OF ITEMS
MADE FROM
IT EXIST.

THIS CHALICE
IS MADE
FROM AN
ANCIENT ALLOY
KNOWN AS
MASQUERADE
STEEL.

IT'S A LOST
TECHNOLOGY.
THE COMPO-
NENTS AND
SPECS FOR
MAKING THIS
ALLOY HAVE
FALLEN INTO
OBLIVION.

MASQUERADE
STEEL, ONCE
FORGED,
WILL ALWAYS
RETURN TO
ITS ORIGINAL
FORM, NO
MATTER
WHAT.



I LOVE
THE STUFF!
IT MOO~VES
ME LIKE
NOTHING
ELSE~!



BUT,
OH...



I-IS
THIS
TURNING
THEM
ON...?!

SOMEONE
WHO
UNDER-
STANDS!

Ooh!

IT
COMBINES
THE BE-
WITCHING
LUSTER OF
GOLD...

WITH THE
STRENGTH
AND
RESILIENCE
OF STEEL.



I NEEDED
TO GET
SOME
MASQUERADE
STEEL....

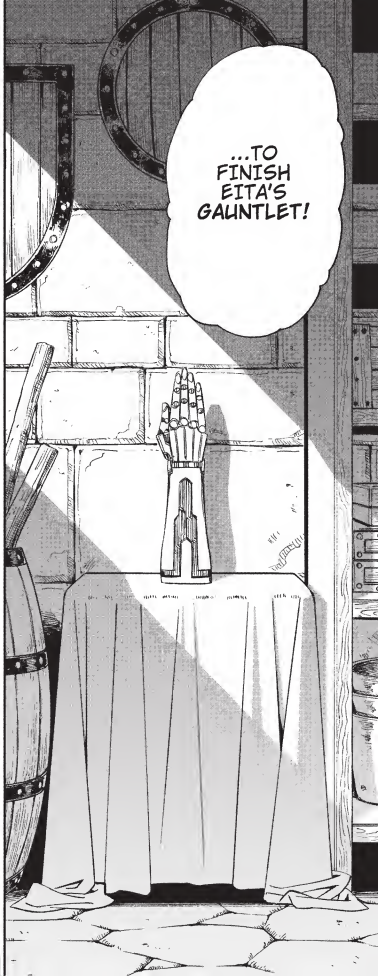
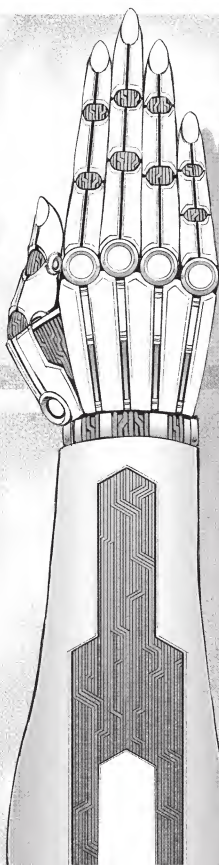


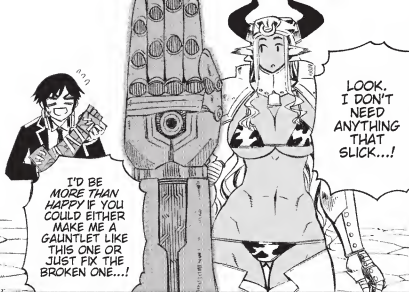
SO THAT'S
WHY YOU
WENT INTO
THE
LABYRINTH--
TO FIND
MORE OF
THIS?

OH,
THAT.
WELL,
YOU
SEE...

THAT
STILL
DOESN'T
EXPLAIN
YOUR
COMMENT
TO THE
NINJA.

...TO
FINISH
EITA'S
GAUNTLET!



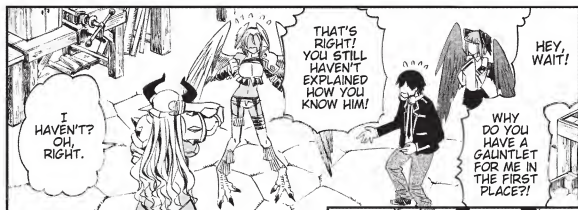


I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY IF YOU COULD EITHER MAKE ME A GAUNTLET LIKE THIS ONE OR JUST FIX THE BROKEN ONE...!

LOOK, I DON'T NEED ANYTHING THAT SLICK...!



WHA?! FOR ME?!



I HAVEN'T? OH, RIGHT.

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU STILL HAVEN'T EXPLAINED HOW YOU KNOW HIM!

HEY, WAIT!

WHY DO YOU HAVE A GAUNTLET FOR ME IN THE FIRST PLACE?!



CLOSE TO THE END.

NOW, WHERE TO BEGIN-?



AND I ACCIDENTALLY DROPPED A PIECE OF MASQUERADE STEEL INTO THE FURNACE.



A WHILE BACK...

I WAS WORKING IN THE FORGE...



SEEING IT GLIMMER IN THE FLAMES STOLE MY BREATH AWAY...



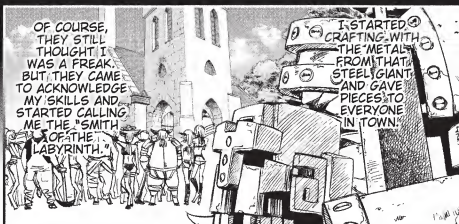
THIS SHOULD
KEEP
YOU BUSY
FOR A
WHILE,
HUH?



THAT'S
TYPICAL
OF THE
MAN.

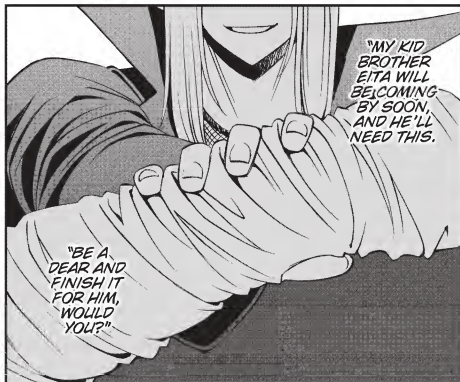
WHILE I
WAS BUSY
WORKING,
KOUKI
DISAP-
PEARED.

What
again?



OF COURSE,
THEY STILL
THOUGHT I
WAS A FREAK.
BUT THEY CAME
TO ACKNOWLEDGE
MY SKILLS AND
STARTED CALLING
ME THE "SMITH
OF THE
LABYRINTH."

I STARTED
CRAFTING WITH
THE METALS
FROM THAT
STEEL GIANT,
AND GAVE
PIECES TO
EVERYONE
IN TOWN.



"BE A
DEAR AND
FINISH IT
FOR HIM,
WOULD
YOU?"

"MY KID
BROTHER
EITA WILL
BE COMING
BY SOON,
AND HE'LL
NEED THIS."



BUT
JUST A
FEW DAYS
AGO, HE
SHOWED UP
WITH THIS
GAUNTLET.

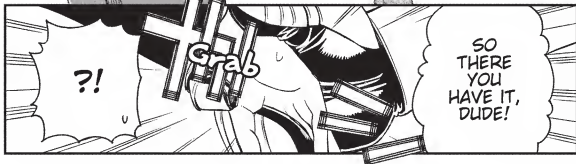
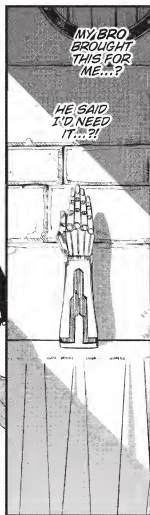
A
FEW--
?!



DAMMIT, BRO...
JUST WHAT
THE HELL
HAVE YOU
BEEN UP TO
IN THIS
WORLD?!

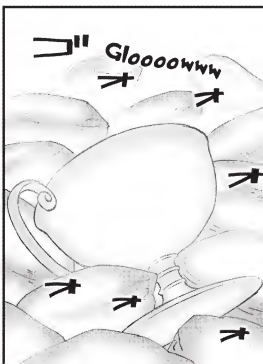
HOW
...?!

HOW
COULD HE
HAVE
KNOWN
THAT?!





MASQUERADE
STEEL MUST
BE TEMPERED
WITH MAGIC
ENERGY.





DON'T
WORRY, I'LL
STILL DO
ALL THE
POUNDING.
YOU JUST
NEED TO GIVE
ME SOME
MAGIC.

OH NO.
NWH-LIH.
NOT THIS
AGAIN!
WRONG
CHARACTER
CLASS!

THE USER
OF THE
ITEM NEEDS
TO PROVIDE
THEIR OWN
MAGICAL
ENERGY
DURING THE
FORGING.

SO
I'LL BE
NEEDING
SOME
MAGIC
FROM YOU,
DUDE!



MAGIC
?!



NOW,
LET'S
GET ON
WITH IT!

EE
EE
EK!

It sure
gets
hot in a
forge.

Let's
wait
out-
side...

OH, I
SEE WHY
YOU'RE
CONFUSED.
ALL I NEED
IS YOUR
HEARTFELT
DESIRE!

LIKE
WANTING TO
PROTECT
SOMETHING
OR HELP
SOMEONE!

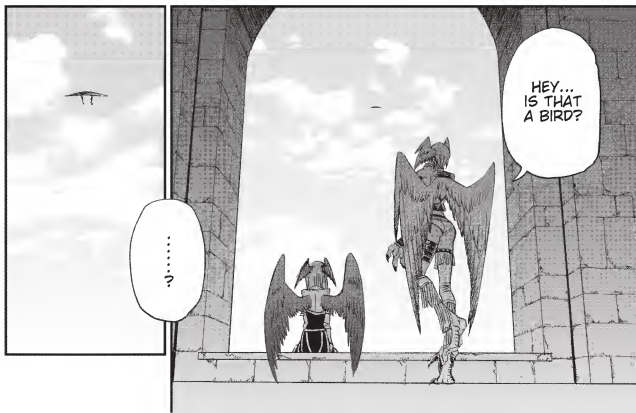
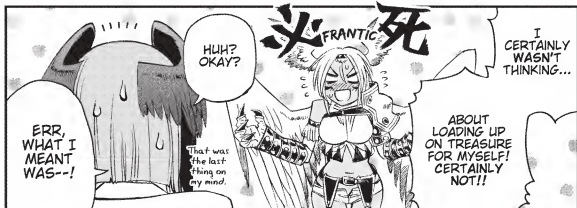
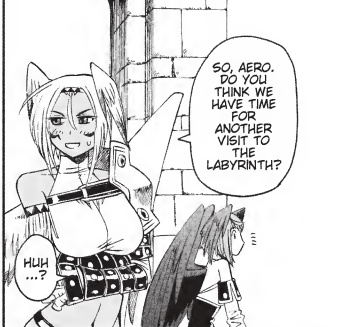
AND I
DON'T
HAVE
MAGICAL
VIRGIN
POWERS!

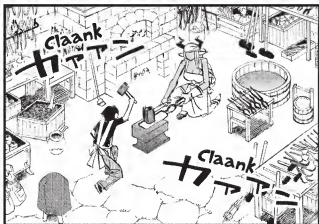
mumble
mumble
mutter
mutter

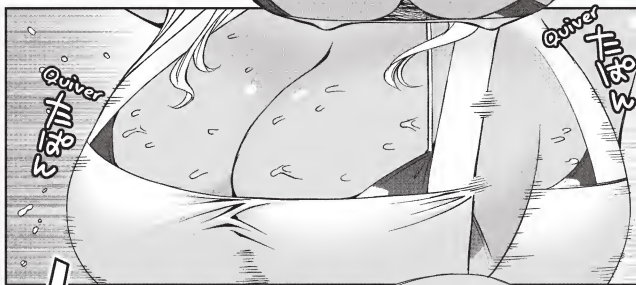
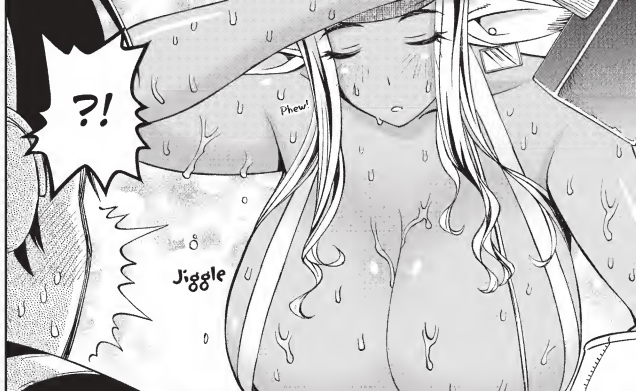
I'm not
thirty yet!



YOU'RE
A
VIRGIN?







THEY'RE
GOING WILD!
IT'S LIKE
WATCHING
MAI IN THE
KING OF
FIGHTERS!!

H-HOLY
COW...!!
JIGGLING
DOESN'T
BEGIN TO
COVER THIS!!

Ah-oo-ga

Forever

Ah-oo-ga

Forever

WHA
?!

HEY,
DUDE!!

OH CRAP!
I FORGOT
TO STRIKE
THE
METAL!!

I-I'M
NOT
LOOKING
AT THEM!
YOUR EYES
ARE UP
THERE!

GLANG

T T

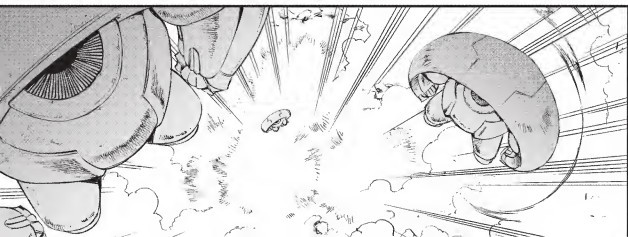
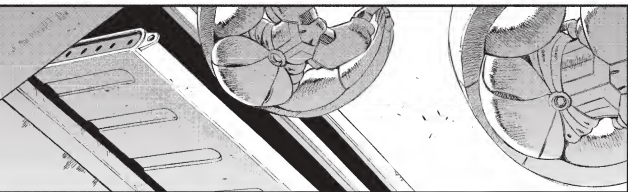




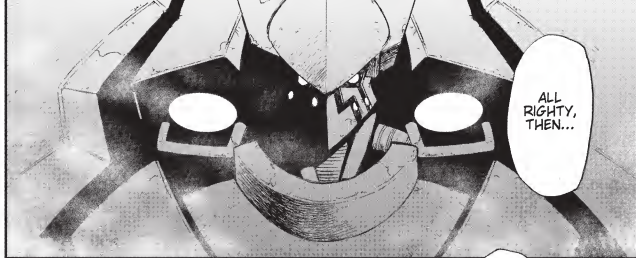
LOCKS
RELEASED.
GIGAS
PLATOON,
BEGIN
DESCENT!

ENEMY
FORCES
AROUND THE
LANDING
SPOT
NEUTRALIZED.

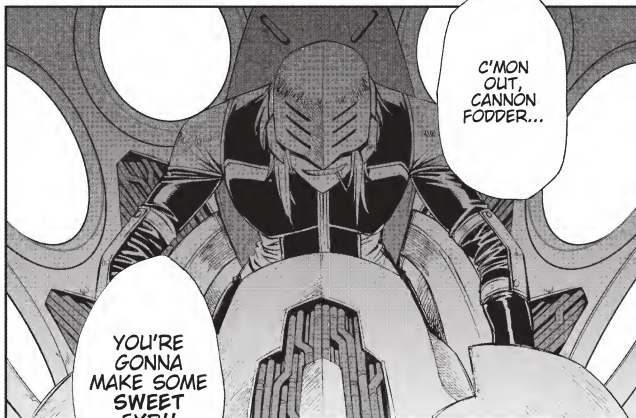
ZWHOOSH







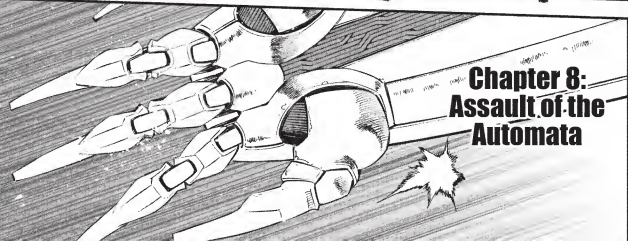
ALL
RIGHTY,
THEN...



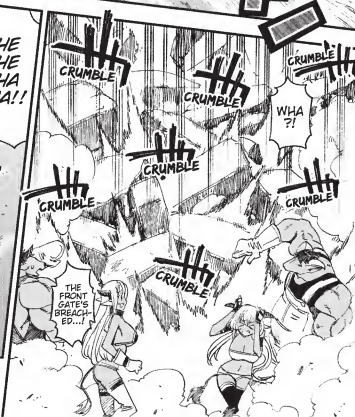
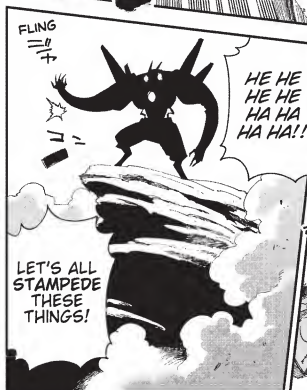
C'MON
OUT,
CANNON
FODDER...

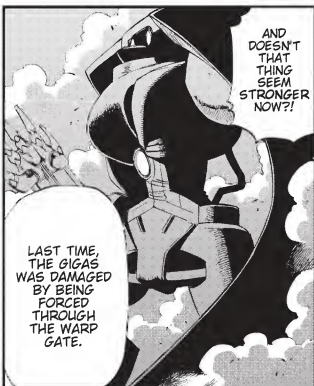
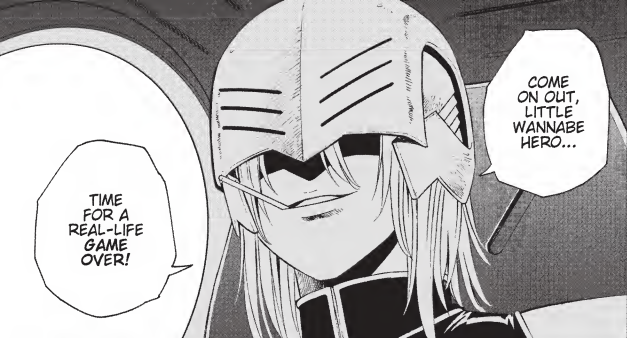
YOU'RE
GONNA
MAKE SOME
SWEET
EXP!!















AFTER
ALL, THIS
GAUNTLET
WILL BE
BOUND
TO YOU!

YOU'VE
GOT TO
CHOOSE
A WORD
THAT
EVOKES
YOUR
ESSENCE.

SO
PICK AN
INSCRIPTION,
THEN--

NOPE,
NOT
HOW IT
WORKS!



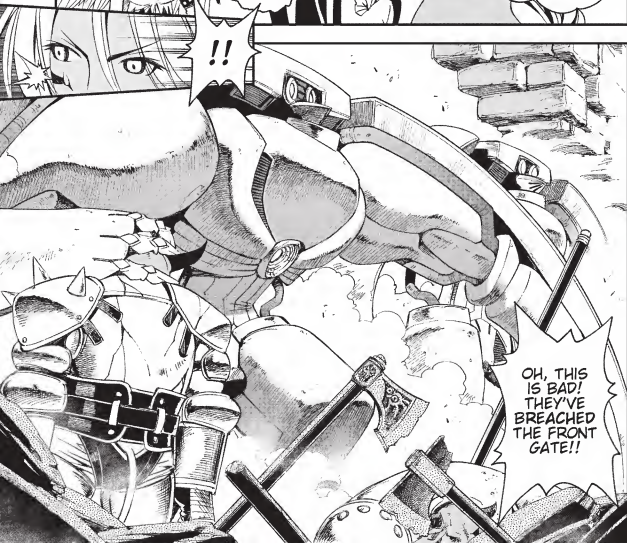
ZHROB ZHROB ZHROB ZHROB...

Chew
them?

So
hurry!

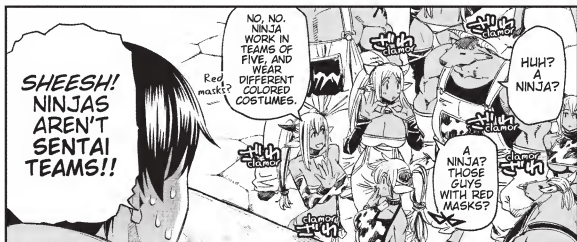
DID YOU
MAKE
ME A
GAUNTLET
OR A
GRILLE?

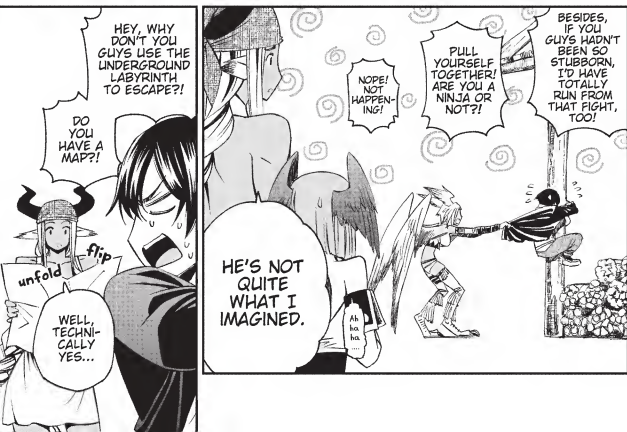
ONCE IT'S
FINISHED,
YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO
CHEW
THROUGH
YOUR
ENEMIES!

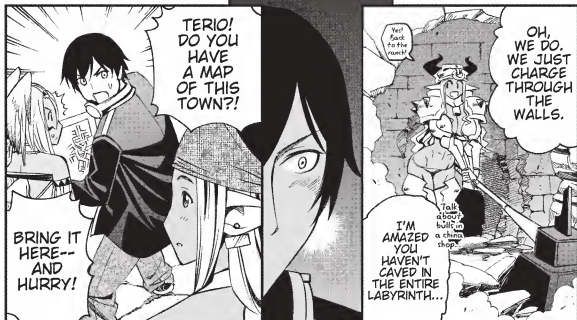


!!

OH, THIS
IS BAD!
THEY'VE
BREACHED
THE FRONT
GATE!!









D'YOU
HAVE
A PLAN,
EITA-SAN
?!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
THINKING,
NINJA?!

お
RUSTLE



I NEED
YOU TO
DO ME A
FAVOR!

AERO!
JAE-SAN!
TERIO!



BUT I
HAVEN'T
TOLD YOU
THE PLAN
YET!

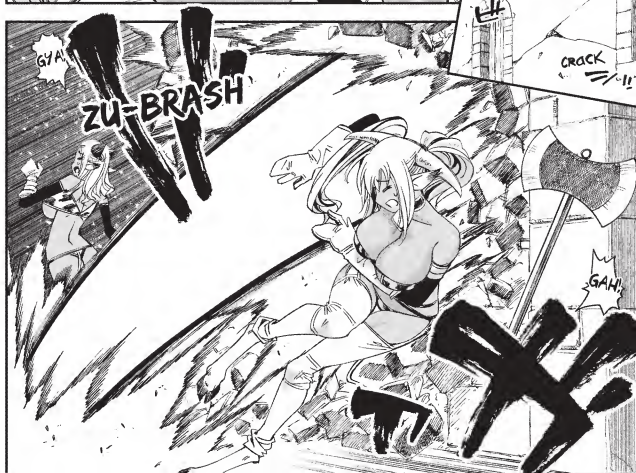
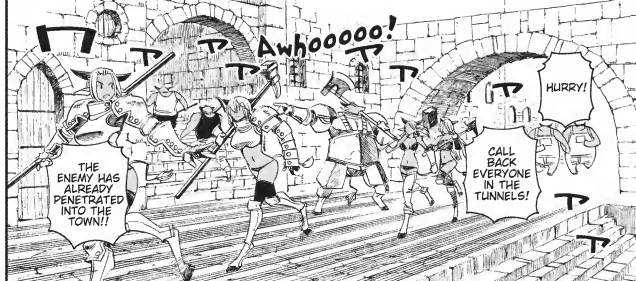
RIGHT.
LET'S
GET
CRACKING!

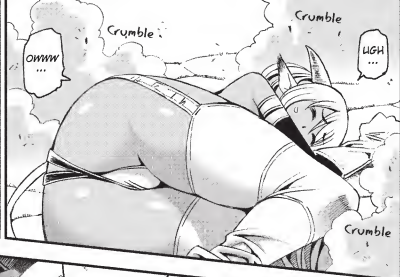
DRAG DRAG DRAG



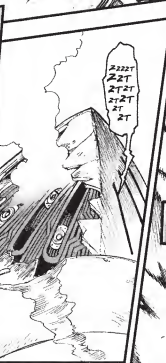
IF
THIS
WORKS
OUT...

NO...
EVEN IF
THIS FAILS,
IT SHOULD
AT LEAST
BUY US
SOME TIME!





KA-BLAM





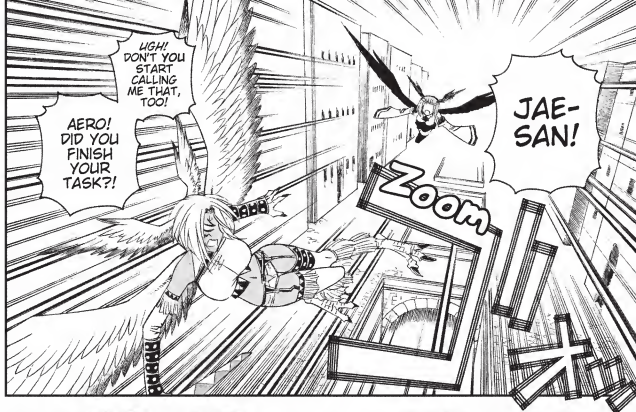
THINK
YOU CAN
TAKE ME,
YOU
OVERGROWN
SCRAP
METAL?!

Fwsh

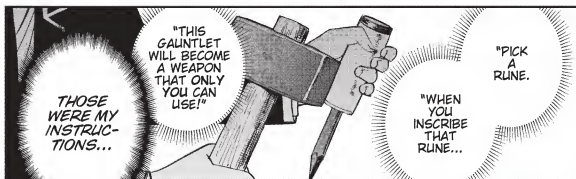
ZWMP

ZWMP

WHOOOSH









WHEN I
START A NEW
GAME, IT
TAKES ME
AT LEAST
THREE HOURS
JUST TO
CHOOSE A
PLAYER NAME,
FOR PETE'S
SAKE!

"IF YOU
INSCRIBE
A WORD
THAT YOUR
HEART ISN'T
FULLY BEHIND,
THE GAUNTLET
MIGHT JUST
CRUMBLE
INTO DUST."

AND THIS
IS A MUCH
MORE
IMPORTANT
DECISION!!

YOU
CAN'T JUST
SUDDENLY
DUMP
SOMETHING
SO IMPORTANT
ONTO ME!!



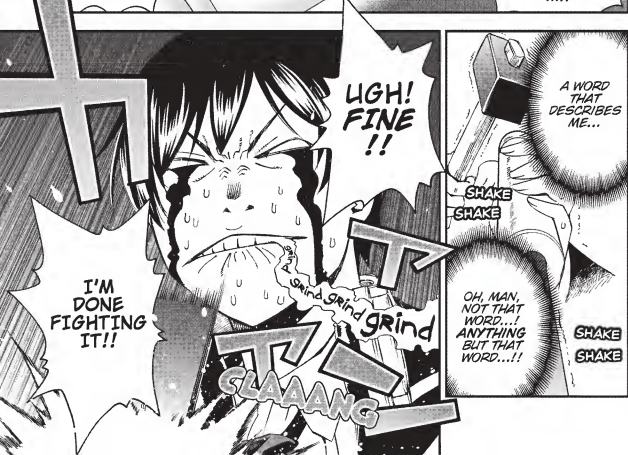
AHHHH!!
WHILE I'M
FREAKING
OUT, THE
STEEL IS
GETTING
COOLER BY
THE SECOND
...!!

CLENCH
CLENCH

NORMALLY,
I'D JUST
GO WITH
SOMETHING
SAFE, LIKE
"GUARD" OR
"KATANA," BUT
THAT WON'T
CUT IT HERE
...!!

Because it's
a "sword"
guard" or
since the
"katana"
knap is in
"the sword"
"tough."

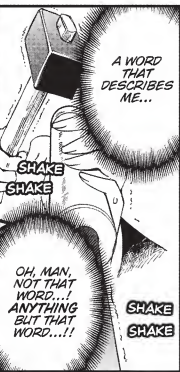
CLENCH
CLENCH



UGH!
FINE
!!

I'M
DONE
FIGHTING
IT!!

grind grind grind
GLAANG!



A WORD
THAT
DESCRIBES
ME...

SHAKE
SHAKE

OH, MAN,
NOT THAT
WORD...!
ANYTHING
BUT THAT
WORD...!!

SHAKE
SHAKE



BUT
STILL...

AND I FEEL
LIKE THAT'S
AN IMPORTANT
CLUE TO WHAT'S
GOING ON...

WHAT
WERE YOU
THINKING,
BROTHER...?

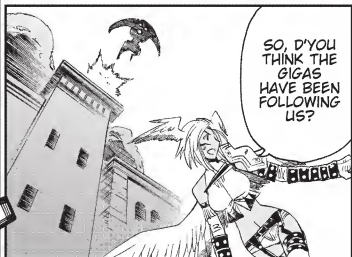
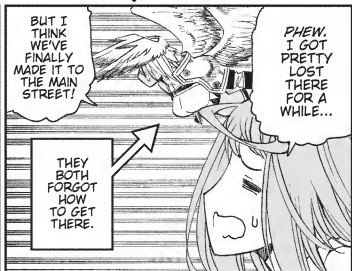
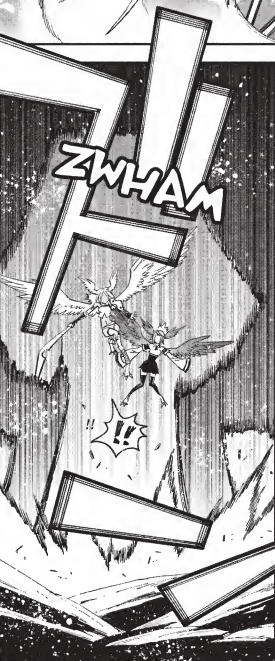
NO MATTER
WHAT I DO
OR WHERE
I GO, I CAN'T
ESCAPE HIS
SHADOW.

I GET
THE FEELING
THAT HE'S
SOMEHOW
BEHIND
ALL OF THIS...

GOTTA
FOCUS!!

GLAANG

CRAP!
THIS ISN'T
THE TIME
TO BE
THINKING
ABOUT
THAT!



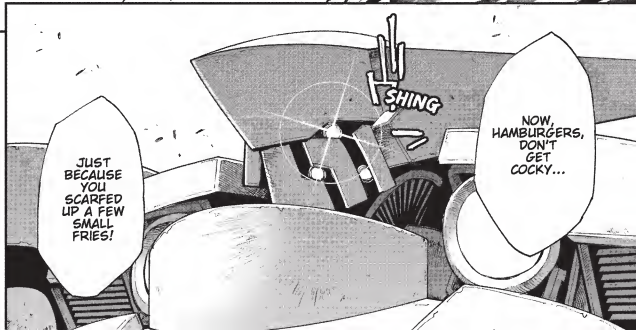






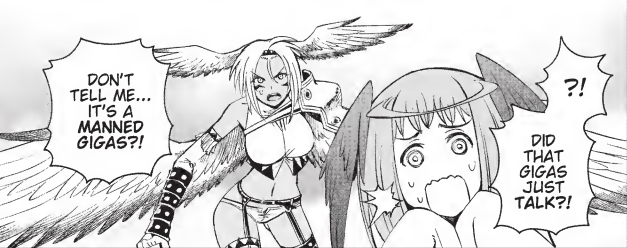






JUST
BECAUSE
YOU
SCARFED
UP A FEW
SMALL
FRIES!

NOW,
HAMBURGERS,
DON'T
GET
COCKY...



DON'T
TELL ME...
IT'S A
MANNED
GIGAS?!

?!

DID
THAT
GIGAS
JUST
TALK?!



DAMN
YOU!!

Oof...

Unsh!

PRESS

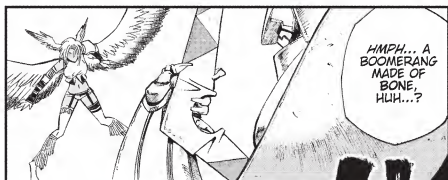
CRUSH

DID I
ASK
FOR THE
DOUBLE-
MEAT
COMBO
PLATE?

WHAT'S
THIS?
WE GOT
SOME
CHICKEN
NUGGETS,
TOO?



HUUURL







BAM

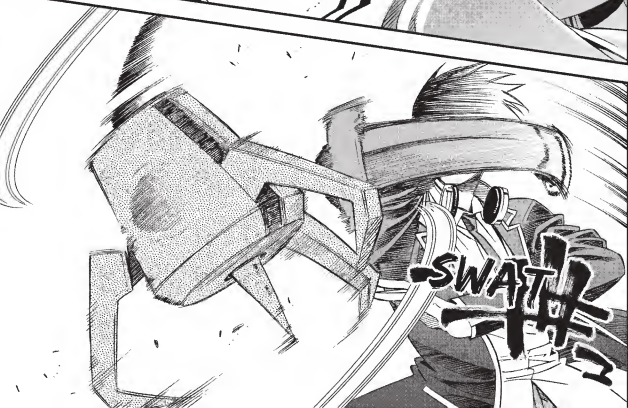
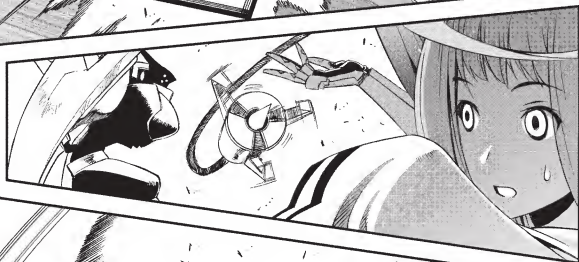
SHIMP

clack

WA
HH
?!

オ

KA-SHICK







EITA-
SAN!!

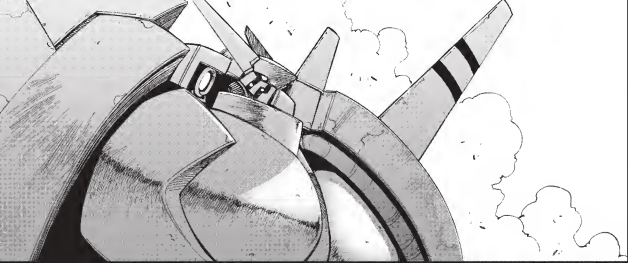
ZA-THUNK

SO THE
WANNABE
HERO
FINALLY
SHOWS
HIS STUPID
FACE!



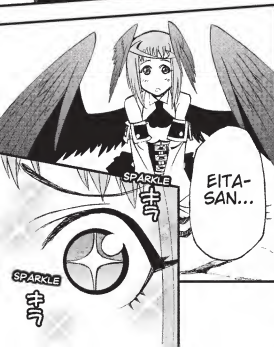
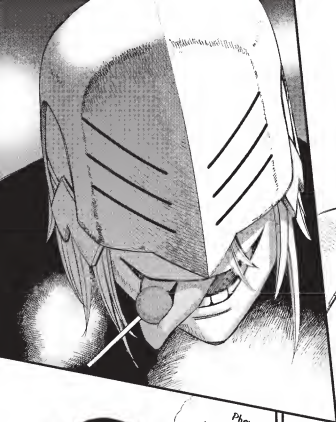
AWRIGHT,
LET THE
GAME
BEGIN...

TOO
BAD IT'S
GONNA
BE AN
INSTA-KILL
FOR YOU
!!

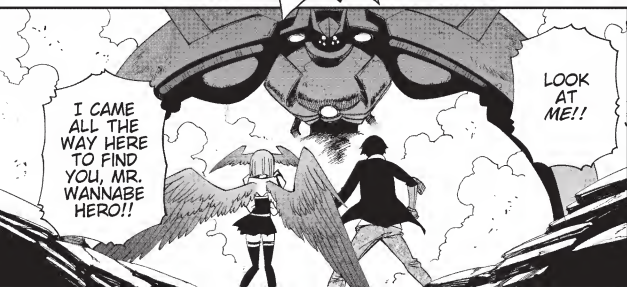


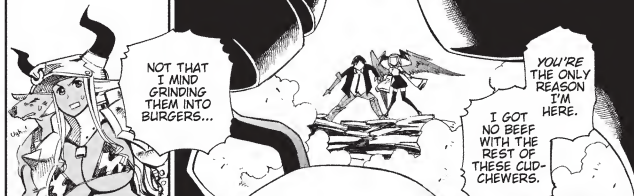
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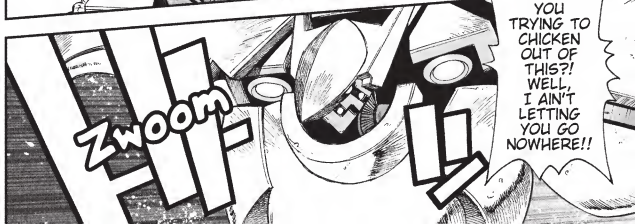
THIS
TIME WE'RE
GONNA
HAVE US
A NICE
OL' FACE-
TO-FACE
BATTLE IN
REAL TIME!!

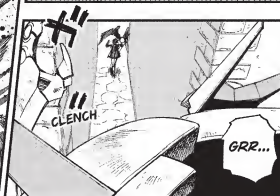
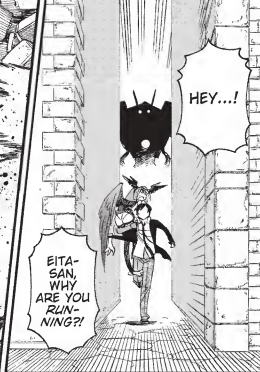
BUT
IT'S NOT
GONNA BE
LIKE LAST
TIME, WITH
THOSE
LAGGY-
AS-SHIT
DRONES!

ZWUMP

Gleam







WHAT'S
SUPPOSED
TO BE SO
GREAT
ABOUT
THIS
THING!!

I HAVE
NO
IDEA...

WHA
?!

WHAT
CAN IT DO
AGAINST
THAT?!

SURE,
IT FITS
PERFECT-
LY...

BUT
SO
WHAT?

THAT

LURCH
!!!

NINJA
!!

EITA-
SAN!

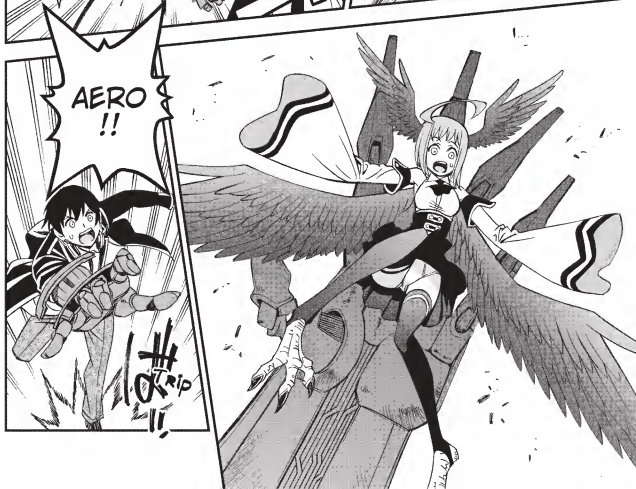
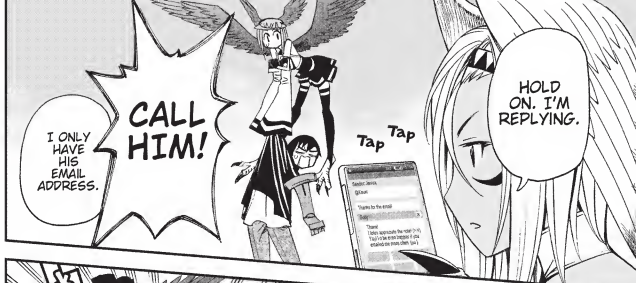
Pirorin~
rorin~!

HMP?
A NEW
MES-
SAGE?

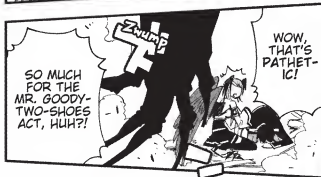
CAN'T
YOU
TELL HIM
HOW TO
USE IT,
TERIO?!

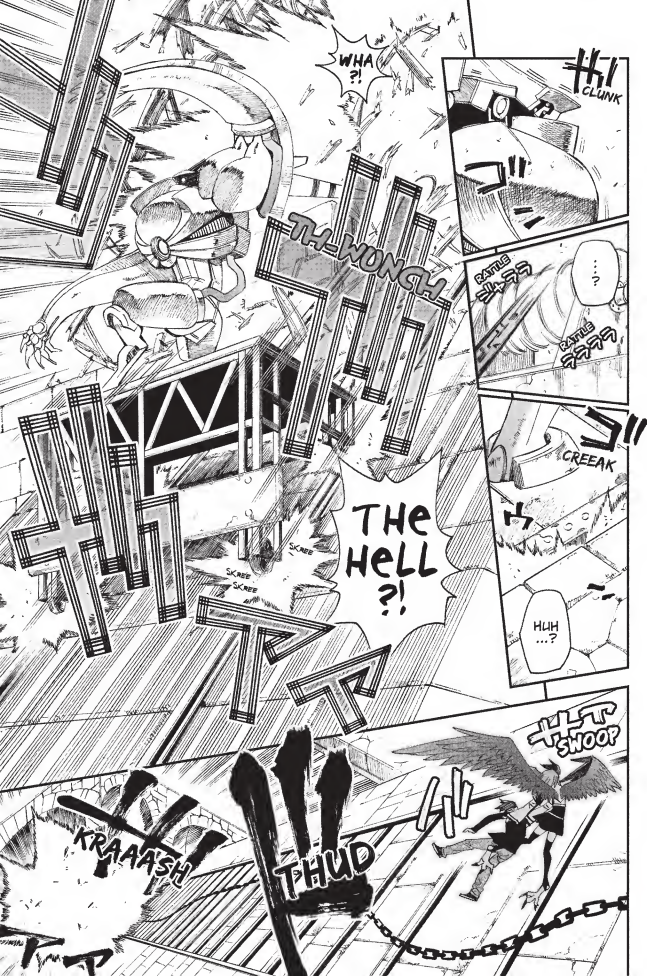
DON'T
ASK ME...
KOUKI JUST
GAVE ME THE
BLUEPRINTS
AND HIS
BROKEN
GAUNTLET.











WHA
?!

CLUNK

TH-WUNGH

RATTLE
タタタ

RATTLE
タタタ

CREEK

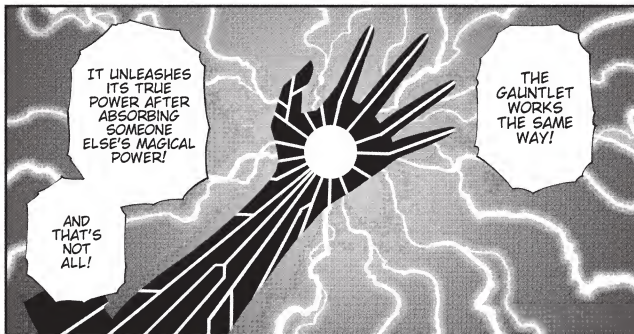
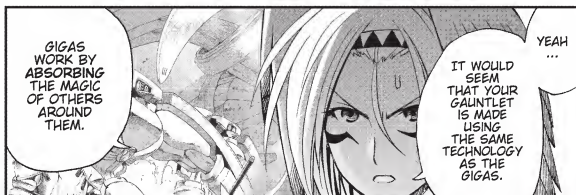
THE
HELL
?!
SKREE
SKREE
SKREE

HUH
...?

SHOOOP

KRAASH

THUD





YOU
COULD
CALL IT A
WEARABLE
GIGAS--NO,
A GIGAS
SLAYER!!

IT
AMPLIFIES
ITS POWER
BY COMBINING
THE MAGIC IT
ABSORBS
WITH THE
MAGIC OF ITS
USER!

WE'D
BETTER
STEER
CLEAR,
HUH...?

MURMUR
MURMUR

MURMUR
MURMUR

MURMUR
MURMUR

MURMUR
MURMUR

WHOA!
WE MIGHT
BE OKAY
AFTER
ALL.

BUT
IF IT
ABSORBS
MAGIC,
THAT
MEANS...!

CHATTER
CHATTER

CHATTER
CHATTER

CHATTER
CHATTER

CHATTER
CHATTER

CHATTER
CHATTER



UM,
EXCUSE
ME...

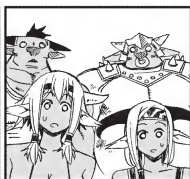


I HEARD
THAT IF
YOUR
MAGIC GETS
ABSORBED,
YOU PASS
OUT...

AND
YOU DON'T
WAKE UP
FOR A
WHOLE
WEEK.



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING,
AERO?!



YOU
KEEP
GETTING
INTO
DANGER
BECAUSE
OF ME.
LIKE JUST
NOW...

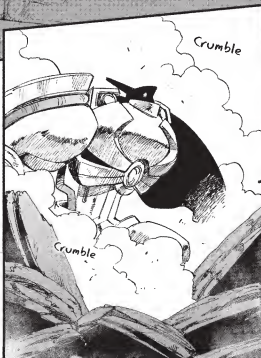
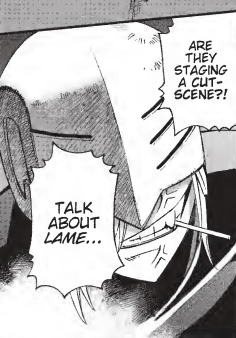
I...

I'M
TOTALLY
USELESS...

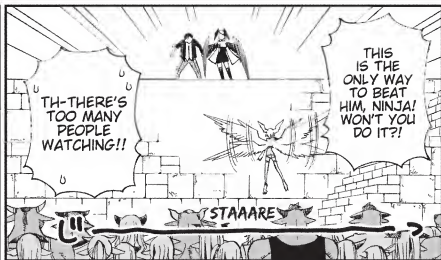
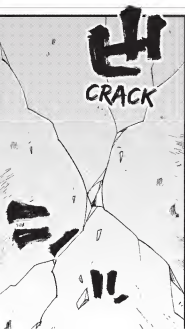
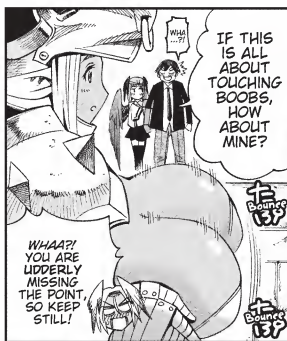
I'M
STUPID...
AND I'M
NOT STRONG
LIKE JAWEA.
BESIDES...

SO...
PLEASE,
LET ME
FULFILL MY
RESPON-
SIBILITY...!!

I'M
RESPON-
SIBLE FOR
BRINGING
YOU TO
THIS
WORLD!









ZA-BRASH

AND
NOW!!

BULLS-
EYE!

YOU'RE
NOT THE
ONLY ONES
WHO CAN
USE THE
UNDERGROUND
LABYRINTH!!

ZZZA-SHICK



GAME
OVER
!!

BRZZZT



AERO!!



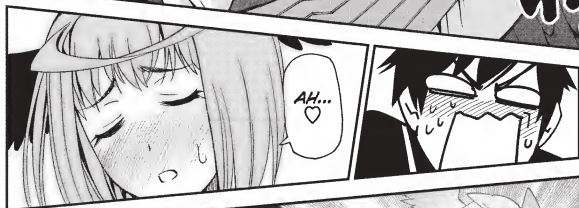
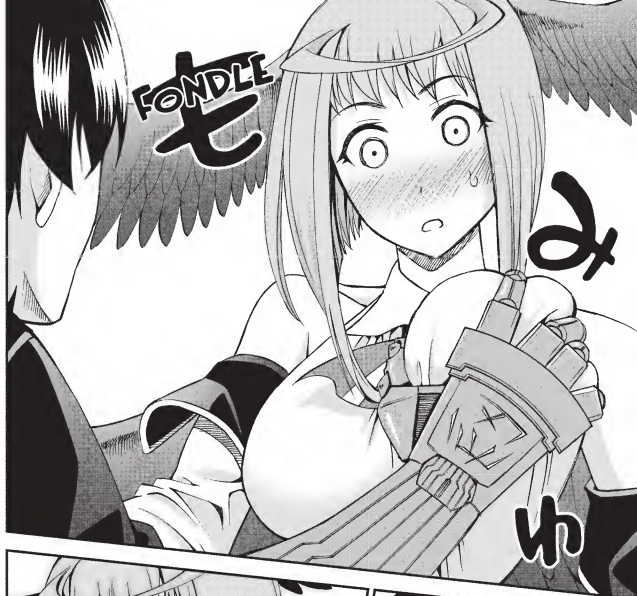
GIVE
ME
YOUR
HAND!!

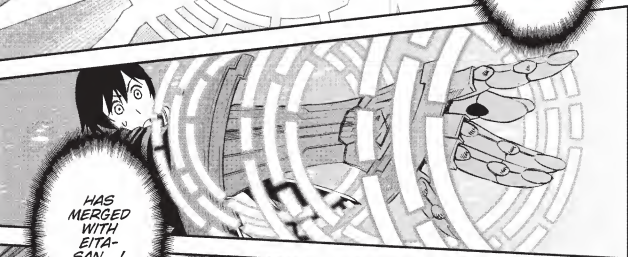
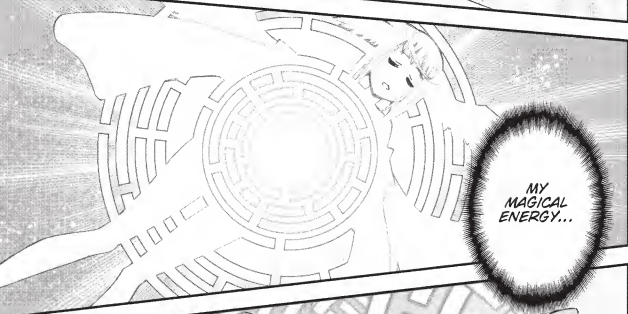
EITA-
SAN!



UH.

MISS!!



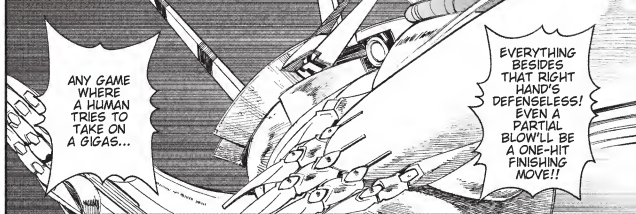




WH...

WHAT
THE--?!





ANY GAME
WHERE
A HUMAN
TRIES TO
TAKE ON
A GIGAS...

EVERYTHING
BESIDES
THAT RIGHT
HAND'S
DEFENSELESS!
EVEN A
PARTIAL
BLOW'LL BE
A ONE-HIT
FINISHING
MOVE!!



EITA-
SAN!!

IS
UNBEAT-
ABLE!!

AERO
?!



ZA-SLAM

*YOU
MUST
USE MY
POWER!*



WOOZZH

PA-BAM
it!!

*USE MY
WINGS!!*



ZBRASH

**THE
HELL
?!**

FWOZZH



PA-POOM

FWHUZZZ

WH-

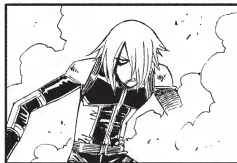
WHAT
?!





**RAVEN'S
PIERCING
STRIKE!!!**

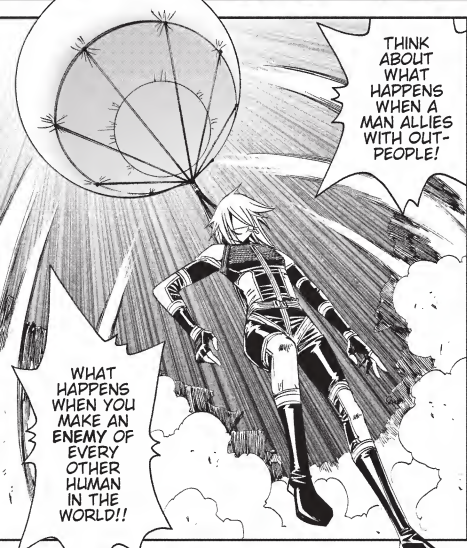






YOU
COULDN'T
EVEN TELL
YOU WERE
FIGHTING
A REAL
PERSON?

WHAT
...?



THINK
ABOUT
WHAT
HAPPENS
WHEN A
MAN ALLIES
WITH OUT-
PEOPLE!



YOU'RE
NOT
EVEN A
WANNABE
HERO,
YOU'RE
JUST A
NOOB!

WHAT
HAPPENS
WHEN YOU
MAKE AN
ENEMY OF
EVERY
OTHER
HUMAN
IN THE
WORLD!!



WELL,
HERE'S
SOME
FOOD
FOR
THOUGHT,
NOOB!



HUINH...
SO THE
MINOTAURS
HAVE TO
ABANDON
THEIR TOWN,
TOO.



THE
REST?
WHAT
ABOUT
YOU,
ASTERIO?



THE MINE'S
MINERAL VEIN
HAS BEEN
TAPPED TO
EXHAUSTION
FOR A WHILE
NOW.

THE REST
OF THE
HERD SAYS
THIS IS A
PERFECT
OPPORTUNITY
TO FIND
ANOTHER
ONE.

Plus, if
I study
your gauntlet,
I can make
an improved
one for
myself!!



OW
OW
OW
OW
OW!!

BESIDES,
KOUKI
TOLD ME
TO HELP
YOU OUT!!



WELL,
OBVIOUSLY
I'LL BE
COMING
WITH YOU,
DUDE!!

YOU'LL NEED
ADJUST-
MENTS AND
MAINTENANCE
ON YOUR
GAUNTLET,
AFTER ALL!

GLOMP



OH,
THAT...
I'M FINE.
JUST A
LITTLE
TIRED.

I DON'T
THINK I'M
GONNA
PASS OUT
OR SLEEP
FOR A
WEEK.



THAT
REMINDS
ME, ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
AERO?

DIDN'T
ALL YOUR
MAGICAL
ENERGY
GET
ABSORBED?

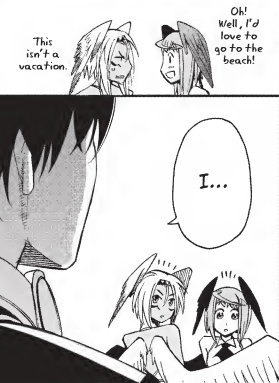


AERO...
PLEASE
BE MORE
CAREFUL
WITH YOUR
PHRASING!!

GOSSIP

GOSSIP

MAYBE
THAT MEANS
THAT OUR
BODIES
ARE TRULY
COMPATIBLE
!!



This
isn't a
vacation.

Oh!
Well, I'd
love to
go to the
beach!

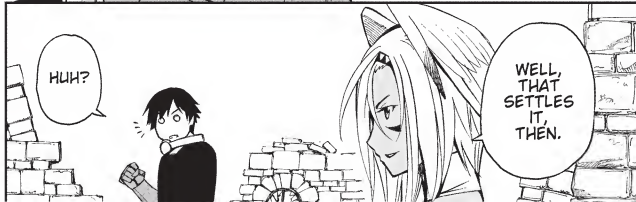
I...



WE
NEED TO
DETERMINE
OUR NEXT
DESTINATION
...

WELL,
WHAT'S
THE PLAN
NOW,
NINJA?

I
HAVEN'T
RECEIVED
ANY MORE
EMAILS
FROM
KOUKI.





IN THAT
TRENCH
LIVES A
SAGE...

WHO
OBSERVES
EVERYTHING
THAT
HAPPENS
FROM HER
UNDERWATER
ABODE.
HER NAME:



A BIT
TO THE
SOUTH
OF
HERE...

THERE'S
AN OCEAN
TRENCH
DEEPER
THAN THE
TALLEST
MOUNTAIN
IN THE
RE-VERSE.



STEELA,
THE WITCH
OF THE
DEEP.



MAYBE
SHE CAN
GIVE ME
SOME
ANSWERS.

IF I
CAN
TALK TO
HER...



A SEA
WITCH,
HUH?



TELL
ME WHY
I'M
HERE...

AND...

WHAT
EXACTLY
MY BRO'S
TRYING TO
GET ME
TO DO...!



OH, HE
GETS
LIKE THIS
EVERY
ONCE IN A
WHILE.

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
DUDE?

AND
MAYBE...
SHE'LL
EVEN
TELL ME
HOW TO
GET BACK
HOME...

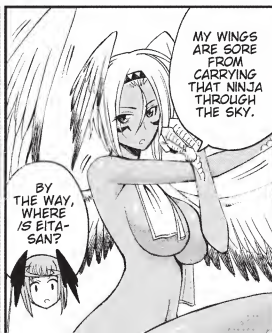
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EXTRA Intruder in the Steam



• This takes place shortly after Eita and his gang left the Harpy settlement.



BY THE WAY, WHERE IS EITA-SAN?



THEY'RE
BUOY-
ANT?!

FLOAT
39/100

LET THE
WATER
WARM YOUR
WHOLE BODY
AND TAKE
AWAY ITS
ACHES!

GLANCE

DID YOU
JUST SEE
SOMETHING
MOVE OVER
THERE...?

GLANCE

S-
SETTLE
DOWN,
BITA!!

Shloop

?!!

FLICKER...

I'M TOO
CLOSE...!
IF I DON'T
TOTALLY HIDE
MYSELF,
THEY'RE
SURE TO
NOTICE
ME!!

CAPTAIN,
THERE'S
SOMEONE
HERE!!

BUSTED
--!!!

WHAT
?!

GA
t!

JIGGLE

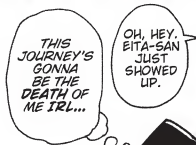
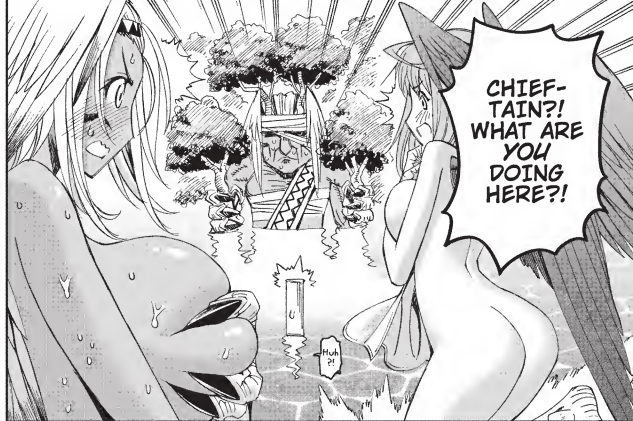
WHA?!
AERO?!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
UP THERE
?!

I-I
CAN'T
BREATHE
...!

SHAKE

SHAKE

SHAKE



ooooo
O
CUP!!

230_{cm}
B 143
W 80
H 117

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Minotaur
Breasts

Asterio

That's way
too big!!



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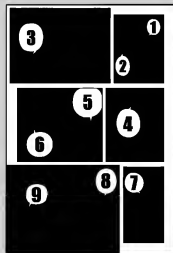
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